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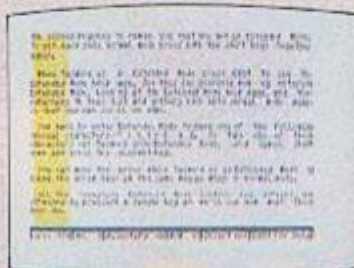
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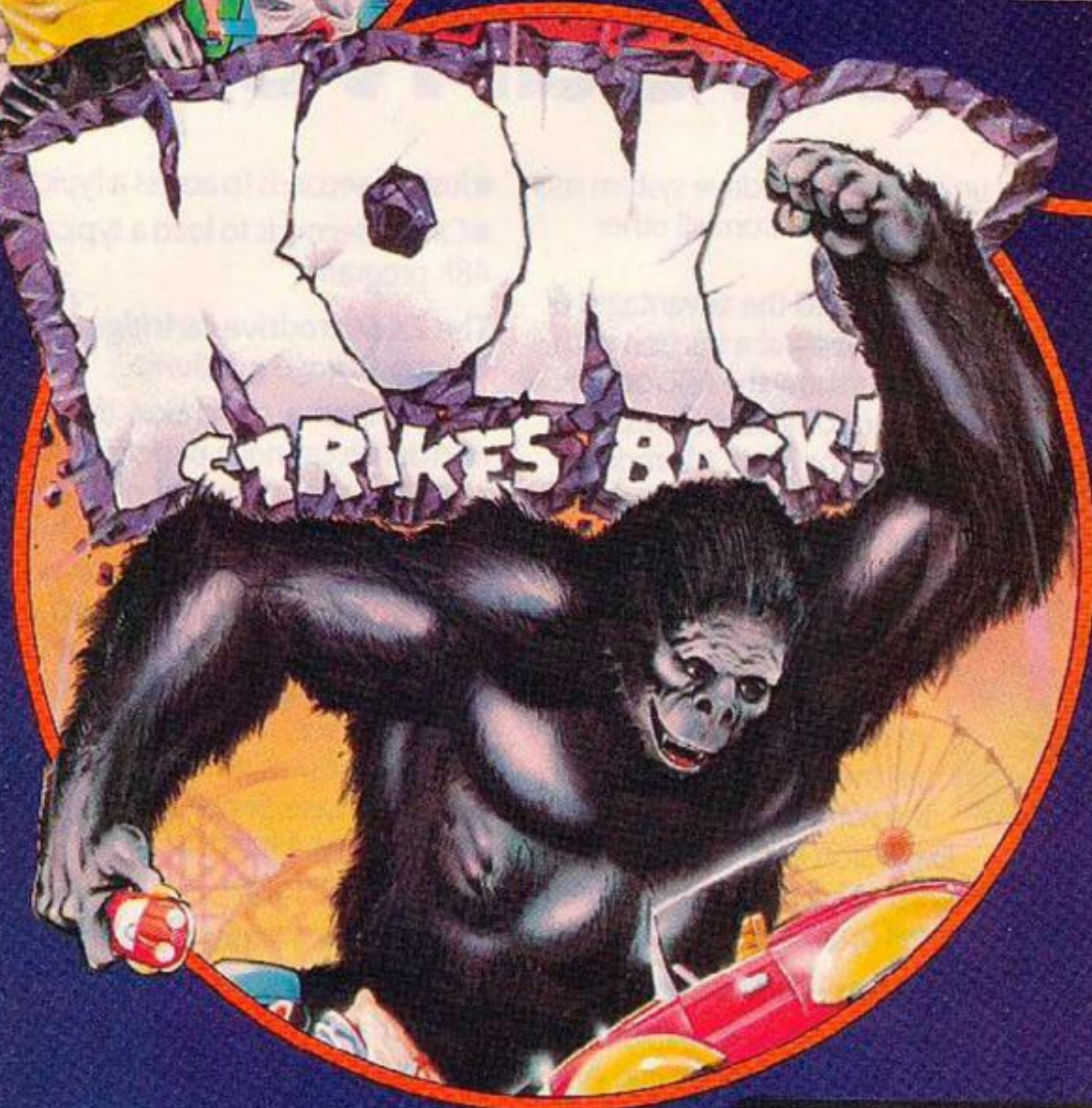


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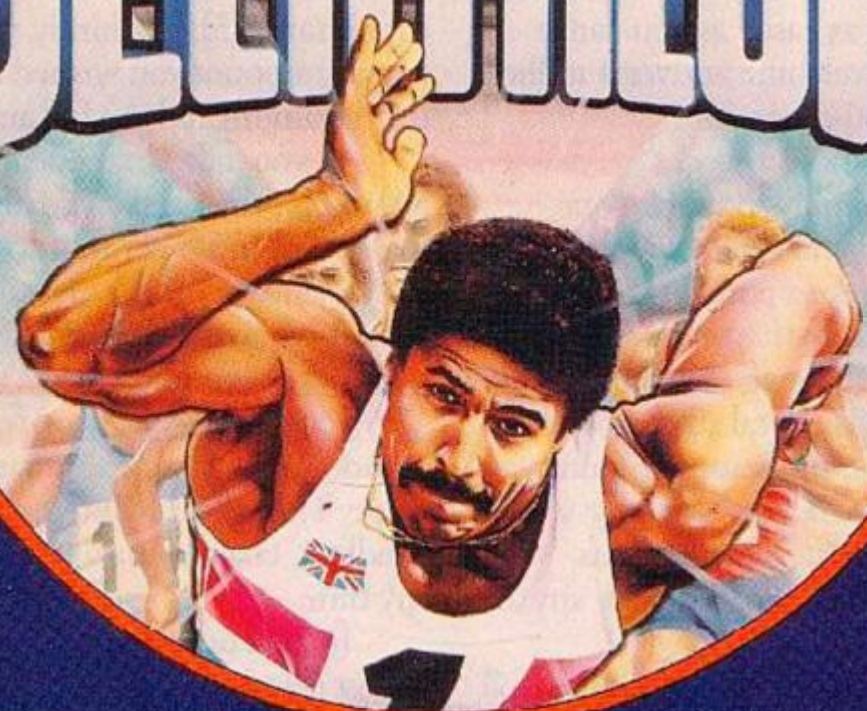
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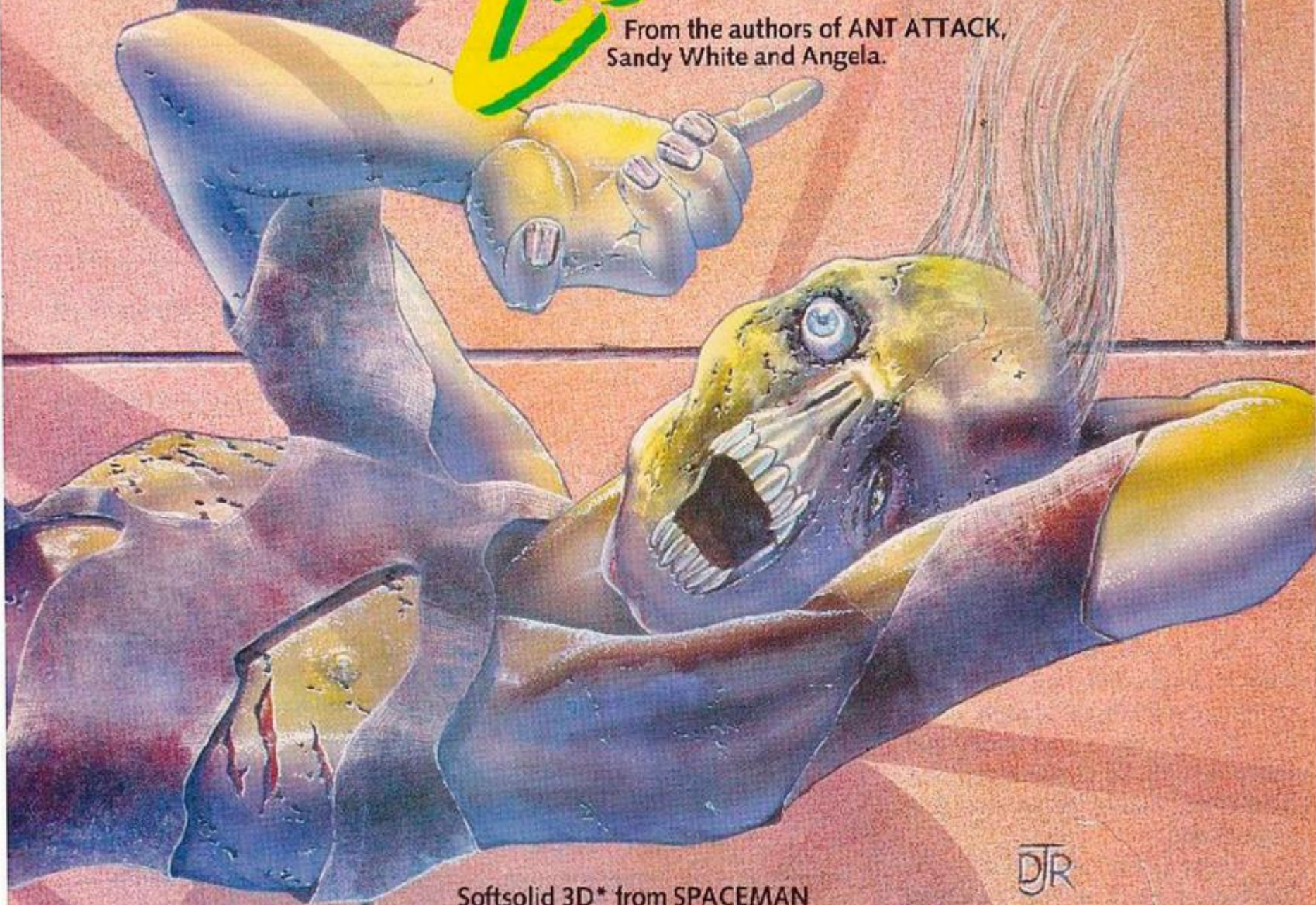
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A year later, and the QL is more than a unique computer, it's the heart of a unique system.

And the next 12 months promise even more for QL owners... new software options, extra storage devices, printers, monitors...

Read on, and see how far we've come, and how much further we're going!

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NIGEL SEARLE

Now it's the quantum leap for QL software and peripherals

Without doubt, the QL was the computer innovation of 1984. Launched to outstanding reviews, it soon gathered thousands of happy owners, and recognition from people like ICL, who have incorporated QL technology and its Microdrives into the new One Per Desk.

The quickest glance at the QL's specification shows what the fuss was all about... 128K RAM, 32-bit processor architecture, 200K built-in mass storage, bundled software. They're features that would normally cost you three or four times as much!

But that's only half the story, because the QL is now the heart of a computer system, with a growing library of software...

As you'll see from these pages, 1985 is the year of the quantum leap for software and peripherals. Already there are no less than five QL languages together with special programs for software developers, a world-beating chess game... and much more on the way!

On the hardware side, there's a special QL monitor to make the most of that high-resolution 512 x 256 pixel display. There

are memory expansion boards, Winchester disk drives, printers, and low-cost Microdrive cartridges.

In fact, there's so much going on, we'll be running these regular Newsletters just to keep you in touch!

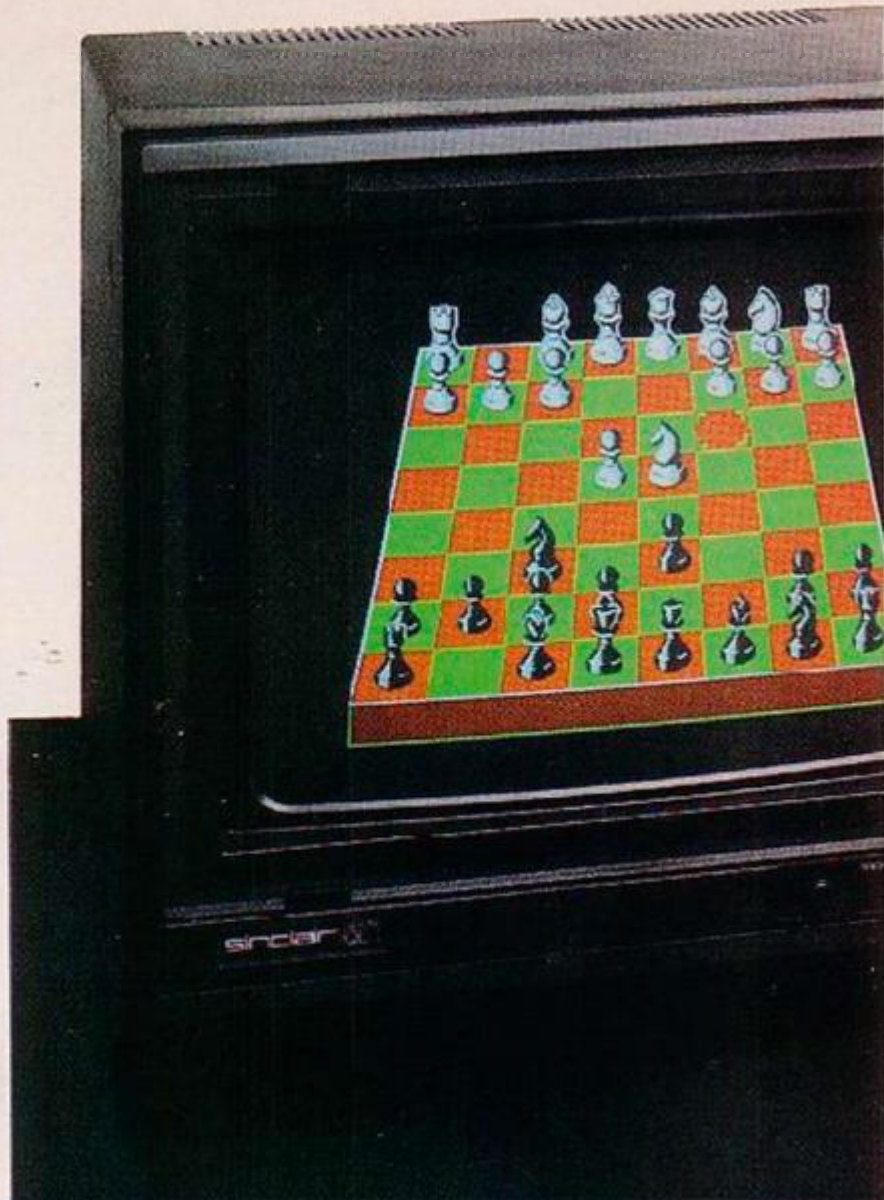
If you already own a QL, the next few pages will give you a taste of the exciting year ahead.

And if you don't... take a look at what you're missing. It should be all the persuasion you need!

Now read on... the quantum leap into serious computing starts here.

Nigel Searle

Nigel Searle, Managing Director, Sinclair Research Limited.



From sophisticated business packages to superb animated games... QL software makes the most of the computer's extraordinary specification.

New QL Software

Utilities, languages, games and business packages... with more on the way!

Two things are now certain about QL software. First, there's going to be plenty of it. And second, it's going to set completely new standards for microcomputers...

At the moment, there are well over 100 software programs in development. And the first

software releases, shown here, demonstrate how exceptional the best QL software will be.

The QL already has five languages, superb programs for software developers, a top quality accounting package and in QL Chess it has its first game.

QLUB: 10,000 members and growing!

QLUB is the special Users Bureau for Sinclair QL owners. There are now well over 10,000 QLUB members, and membership is growing all the time.

For their annual subscription of £35, QLUB members are enjoying a whole range of information and advisory services, exclusive offers and special discounts.

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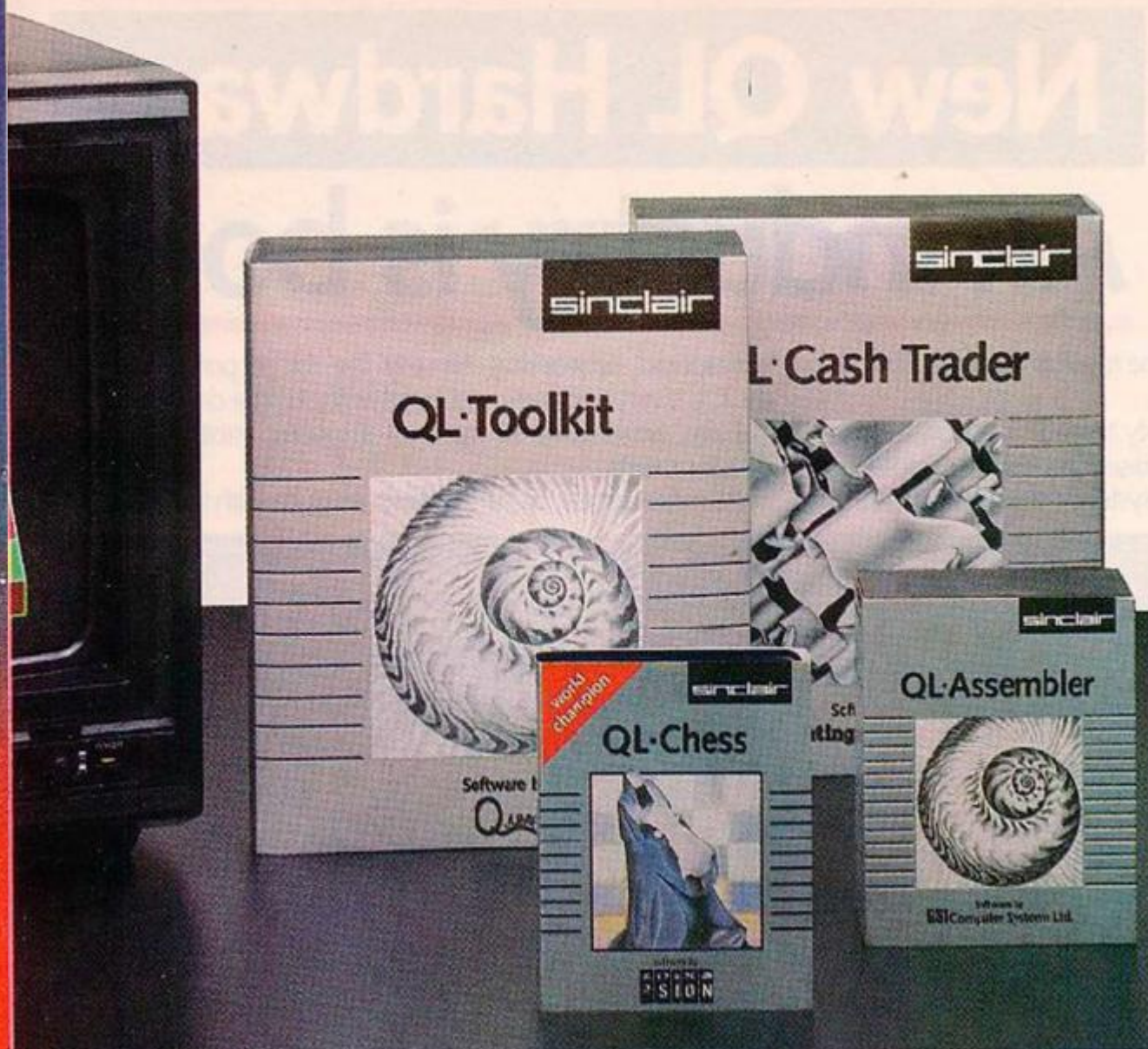
times a year. The magazine provides a forum for QL owners to exchange views and keep in touch with all the latest developments.

Each issue is packed with updates on QL hardware and software, tips on applying the four QL Programs, and news of how other people are using the QL. QLUB members also receive a range of special discounts, with savings of at least 20% on selected software products.

Current special offers include:
QL Chess for £14.95
QL Toolkit for £19.95

QL Assembler for £31.95
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The multilingual Sinclair QL

BCPL – a forerunner of C, BCPL has been described as a systems programmer's delight. In the words of QL User, this compiler is a 'brilliant compromise between a high-level language and a low-level systems language'. Whilst not for beginners, this is an essential buy for anyone with a good knowledge of systems programming. Complete with manual.

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LISP – already well-known for its artificial intelligence appli-

cations, LISP is a powerful and versatile language. This is a sophisticated implementation of LISP, by one of its leading exponents, Dr Arthur Norman. This package features full QL graphics, and a full manual is supplied.

Available from
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Pascal – probably the most popular high-level language of all. Pascal is particularly well-suited to structured programming, sophisticated data manipulation and algorithmic problems. Pascal interpreter complete with 87-page manual.

Available from
Computer One – £39.95.
Tel: 0223 862616.



Forth – this 'new generation' language is proving both popular and easy to learn. The program provides a full implementation of the latest Forth 83 standard with graphics and sound extension.

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APL – the compact mathematics-based interpreted language designed for scientists and mathematicians.

APL keyword interpreter complete with manual.

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MicroAPL – £99.95.
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Programmer's packs

QL Assembler – two programs operating in tandem. The first is a full-screen editor for creating and altering program files. The second, a Motorola-format compatible 68000 assembler which converts source files written in M68000 assembly language into machine code files which can run on the QL.

Both assembler and editor are written in machine code and can be multi-tasked with SuperBASIC, so you can switch

between editor, assembler and SuperBASIC instantly.

Written by GST Computer Systems – £39.95.*

QL Toolkit – a programmer's toolkit with over 70 programs and extensions to SuperBASIC. Most are linked to SuperBASIC initially and can then be used from commands or from within a program. Enhancements include printer spooling (print a file while running a SuperBASIC program); improved file access (with full random input/output command); job control (allows management of multi-tasking programs including the ability to display, alter priorities, and delete jobs from the QL); and SuperBASIC screen editor.

Written by Q Jump – £24.95.*

World-beating chess!

QL Chess – fresh from its victory at the 'World Microcomputer Chess Championship'. This program sets a completely new standard for games software.

There's a high resolution display, animated 3-D graphics, and 28 levels of play from novice to champion. Features include an openings book of nearly 4000 moves, HINT and TAKEBACK functions that help you learn from your mistakes, and the option to play a human opponent or the computer.

Written by Psion – £19.95.*

Software at work

QL Touch 'n' Go – a unique approach to learning touch-typing skills. The program is designed to give you mastery of the standard QWERTY keyboard in just 24 hours. With practice, you should soon reach 40 words per minute, with over 95% accuracy.

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QL Cash Trader – a unique computerised book-keeping system for small businesses. The program provides a complete course in the principles of accountancy, and goes on to become an essential aid in the day-to-day running of a business. Complete with comprehensive manual.

Written by Accountancy Software of Torquay – £69.95.*

Psion troubleshooting service

All QLUB members can obtain special assistance from Psion on using the QL Quill, Abacus, Archive and Easel programs supplied with the computer. Psion will normally answer any queries within 48 hours.

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New QL Hardware

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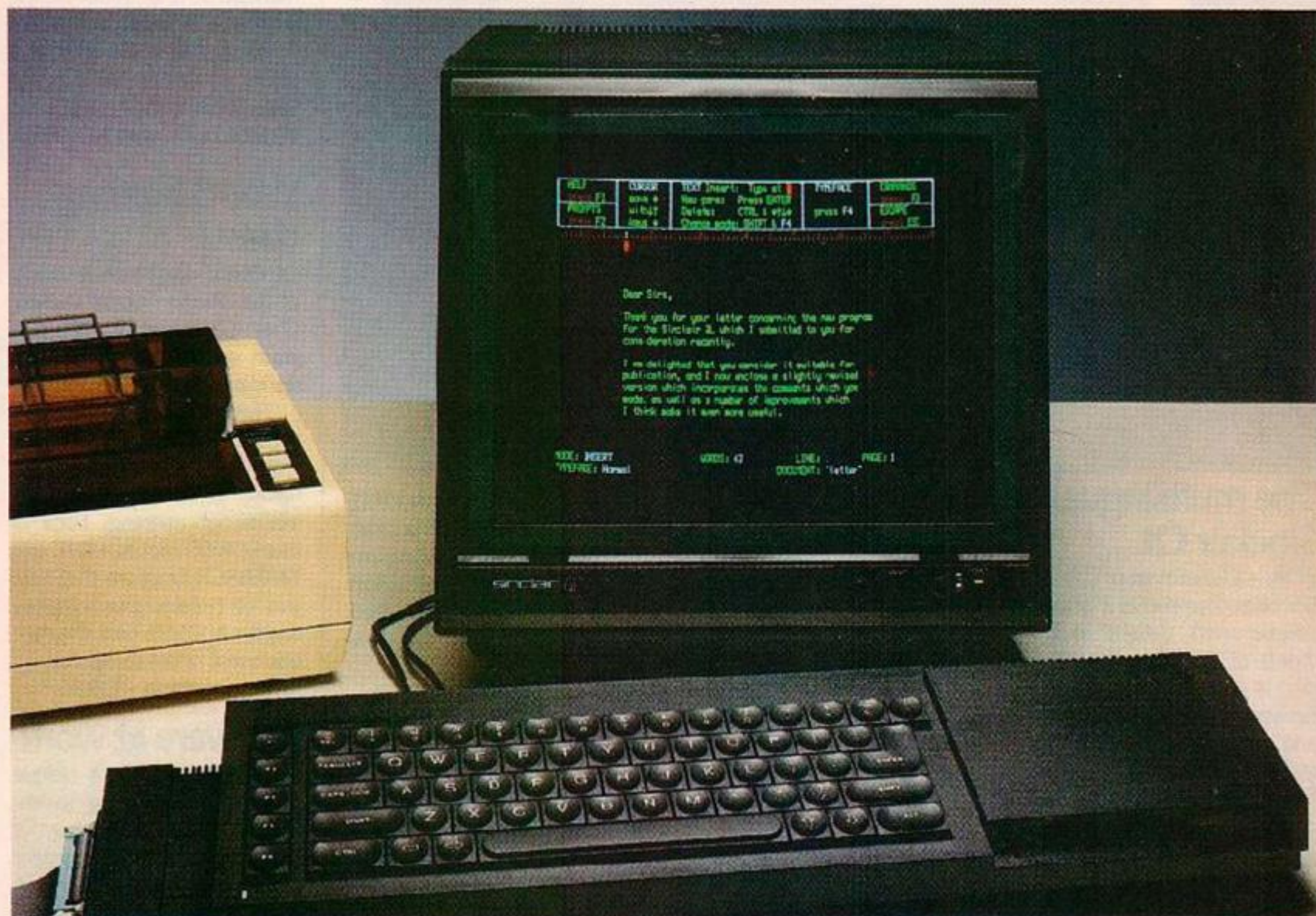
From the moment of its launch, the revolutionary QL attracted massive interest from all quarters.

In one area, the interest quickly turned to action, as high-tech hardware manufacturers realised the immense potential of the QL for vast expansion, for system development and for

widespread networking. Already the list of peripherals for the QL is very exciting – and lengthening by the day!

Here, we've covered many of the latest, most important developments.

As more appear, be sure to keep in touch with QL News!



The dedicated Sinclair Vision QL monitor

Once you see the incredible graphics capabilities of the QL you may decide an ordinary TV just can't do them justice.

If that's the case, a high-resolution monitor is needed. (And if you're creating presentation-quality charts, for example, it's quite essential.)

The new Vision QL monitor is specially designed for the computer by Kaga Electronics, with full support from Sinclair Research.

So it exploits the QL's max-

imum 512x256 pixel resolution to the full, with a pin-sharp 85 column display.

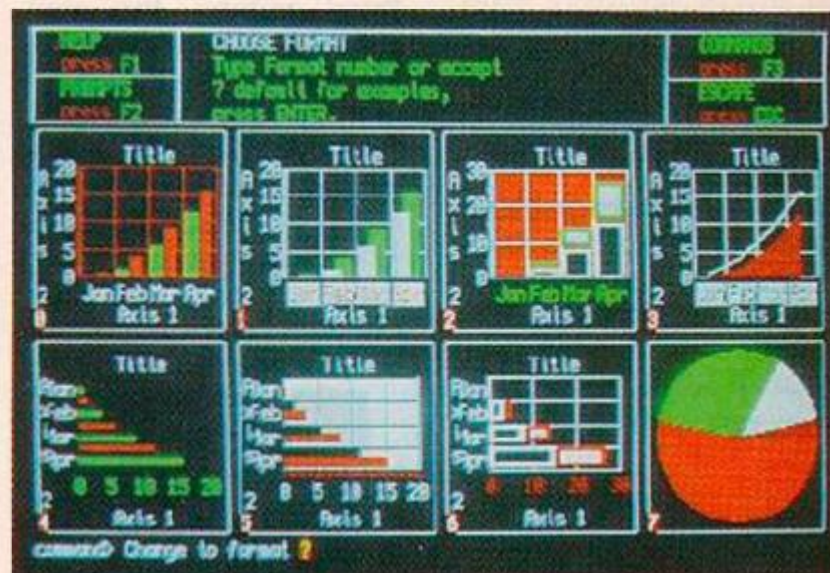
It's also specially styled to suit the QL – in looks, and in use. There's a 12" non-glare tube, and etched screen to diffuse reflections.

So the display is bright, sharp, much easier to look at... and invaluable for those late-night programming sessions.

And like the QL, the Vision monitor is designed with space in mind: it has a compact foot-

print of just 12½" by 15" – no more than a typical portable typewriter.

It's available from MBS Data Efficiency on 0442 60155 and selected Sinclair stockists.



The QL's superb graphics capabilities – as demonstrated by the Sinclair Vision QL monitor.

Microdrive cartridges. Now only £1.99!

Microdrive cartridges are the QL's own unique storage media. Each stores up to 100K of information, on a cartridge no

bigger than a matchbox!

Over 500,000 cartridges are now being used throughout Britain. And QL Microdrives

themselves are standard equipment on the new ICL One Per Desk micro.

Now there's more good news for QL enthusiasts: from February 1, the cost of QL Microdrive cartridges are down from £4.95 to £1.99 each!



Sinclair Microdrive cartridges – up to 100K of programs and data on a medium so compact you can pop it into your pocket.

Powerful hard-disk system

For the QL business user, the new Firefly QL Winchester disk will boost the QL's power in one huge leap.

Designed by Quest, it uses CP/M and offers all the benefits of Winchester technology: fast access, reliability, compact size and quiet operation.

With 75 Mb storage, the Quest Firefly is ideal for large databases such as stock or cus-

tomers lists. And at under £1,200, it represents exceptional value for money.

The Firefly will be available very shortly from Quest on 04215 66488.



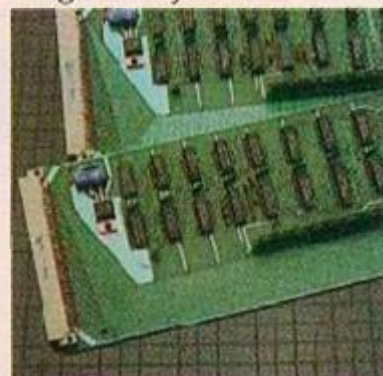
Winchester hard disk drives supplement your QL's built-in mass storage.

Expansion boards for up to 4 times more memory!

Also from Quest, a simple and inexpensive way to expand the QL's RAM: with memory expansion boards.

These compact units connect to the standard QL expansion port, using the QL's internal power source or, for larger boards, an external power source.

The units range from 64K and 128K RAM boards to massively powerful 256K and 512K RAM boards, so there's something for every user.



Compact expansion boards

Prices start at £117, and the 512K board is a very cost-effective investment at just £537.

With affordable memory like this, the QL is more than a match for any other micro under £2,000!

The spec behind the spectacle

CPU – Central Processing Unit
Fast, powerful Motorola 68008 chip. A second processor, an Intel 8042, controls the keyboard, generates the sound, and acts as an RS-232C receiver.

RAM
128K. Now expandable to 640K.

ROM
48K.

Operating system
Qdos – revolutionary single-user, multi-tasking, windowing operating system.

Storage
Two built-in QL Microdrives. Up to 100K storage each – transfer rate, up to 15K per second.

Keyboard
Full moving 65-key QWERTY five function keys, four cursor keys.

Language
Sinclair structured SuperBASIC.

Application software
QL Quill – word processor
QL Abacus – spreadsheet
QL Easel – graphics
QL Archive – database
All four packages supplied with the QL.

Interfaces
Two serial RS-232C interfaces, Microdrive expansion port (up to 6 may be added), ROM cartridge port, local area network, 2 joystick ports, RGB monitor and TV output.

Text screen
Various modes – up to 85 columns by 25 rows on monitor. On TV, up to 60 columns.

Graphics resolution
512 x 256 pixels (four colour),
256 x 256 pixels (eight colour).

Interface options

The QL comes complete with two built-in RS-232C interfaces.

In addition, interfaces for Centronics printers are widely available from manufacturers such as CST, Miracle Systems and Sigma Research... with

prices from only £35.

And that's just the beginning. For attaching scientific and laboratory instruments to the QL, CST even offer an IEEE-488 interface, which can handle up to 16 connected devices simultaneously!



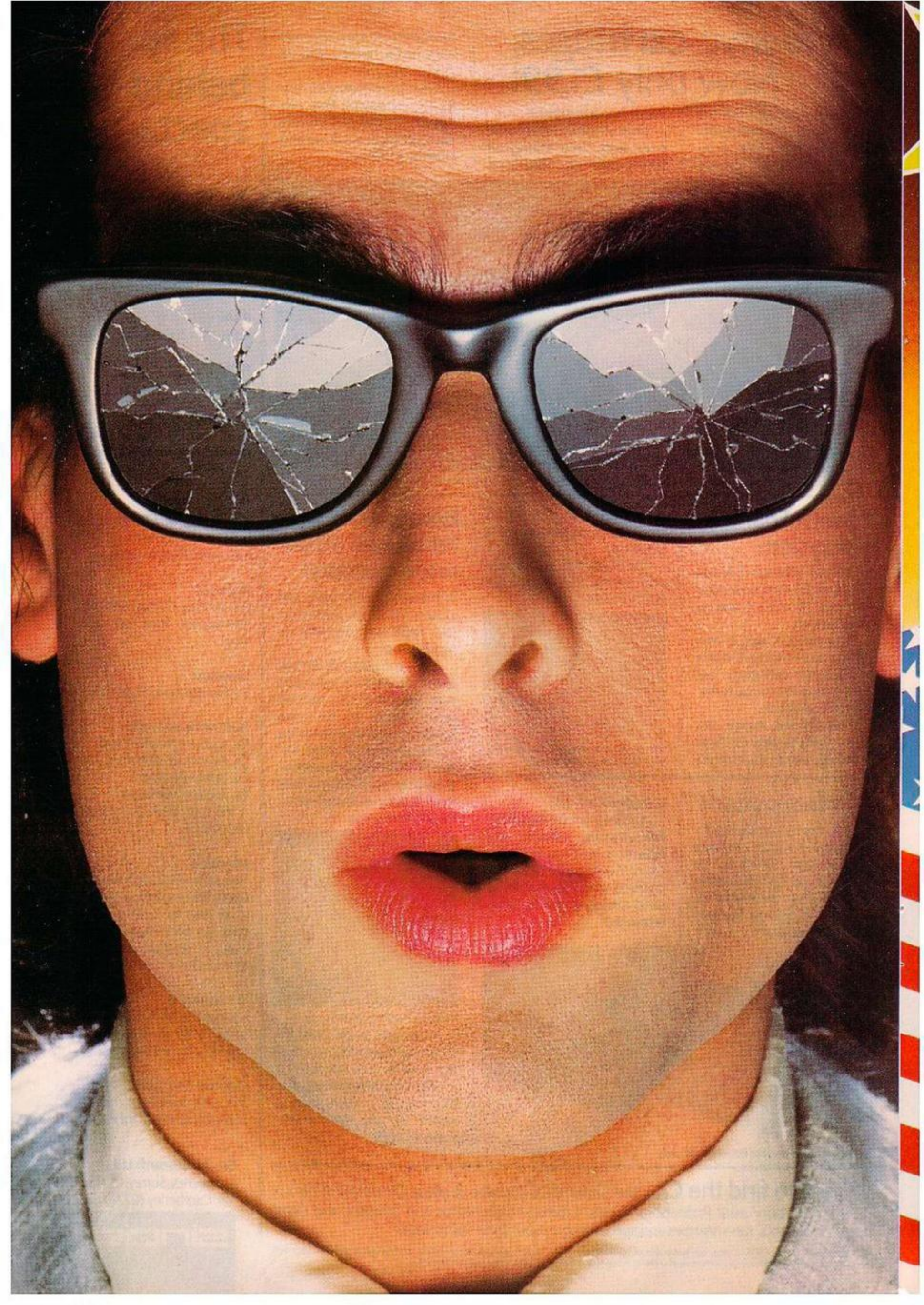
A Centronics interface slips discreetly into place.

Where to find the QL. The Sinclair QL is available at selected branches of Dixons, W H Smith, John Lewis Partnership, Currys, Greens in Debenhams and Ultimate, and larger branches of Boots, John Menzies and specialist computer stores nationwide.

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DOUBTS FROM ACORNS GROW

THE FIRST SIGNS for Acorn's employees that Cambridge wasn't all growth and glittering prizes was when they opened the *Daily Mail* to find an exclusive interview with their boss Chris Curry. There, among the revelations about Curry's steamy sex life, fast cars and million-pound mansion was the first mention of redundancies.

Meanwhile, next door but one to Acorn's customer service department, the familiar sound of gently bursting bubbles could be heard as Oric sank beneath the waves.

Still within the city limits a surprisingly ruffled Sir Clive Sinclair launched an unprovoked attack on Atari's QL-bashing ST computers — claiming they were a figment of Jack Tramiel's imagination. Wishful thinking perhaps, given the QL's disappointing sales of 50,000 in a year which celebrated the production of the five-millionth Sinclair-designed micro.

Could the curtains be closing on the stars of the great British micro industry? So far 1985 has been a bad year for everybody, but don't expect to see Sir Clive trading in his Porsche for a C-5 quite yet.

Sinclair dominates the U.K. market as much today as he did in 1981. But gone are the innovations. Even the 1982 model of Clive Sinclair wouldn't have been content with reboxing an existing machine. However good the Spectrum and despite his commitment to the 68000, Sinclair now runs the risk of becoming a one-computer company. Yet whereas that could be a problem in the making, Acorn has an immediate and deep crisis on its hands.

Its shares had fallen from a high of 193p last year to 23p before they were temporarily suspended on the Stock Exchange at 28p. Job cuts and a major reorganisation are part of paying the price for a poor Christmas and the disastrous foray into the U.S. market. The abortive American project may have cost the company as much as £12million and its recent £20,000 sales to Russia won't make much of a dent in that. Apart from that, the BBC Micro isn't getting any younger or appreciably cheaper, and Acorn may learn that producing business machines isn't really as easy as ABC.

But despite the pall of gloom, spending on home computers should rise sharply this year — up to a record £590million according to stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie. All the British companies have to do is go out and grab their share.

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Creasey controlling Douglas Herd's muscle movement.

PLEA FOR DISABLED

DR GRAHAM CREASEY's plea for government funding to "give the disabled as much access to micros as people in schools" is being ignored by the Department of Health and Social Security.

"A micro can be at least as useful as a wheelchair", says Creasey who uses BBC Micros in his spinal unit at Edinburgh's Edinboro Hospital to improve his patients' manual dexterity while entertaining them.

He is also using micros for research into overcoming paral-

ysis by controlling a series of electrical shocks to stimulate the muscles.

The Department of Trade and Industry already makes £2million a year available from its information technology budget for schemes including functional electronic stimulation and remote work units for the disabled.

But the DHSS says it has "no plans" to extend this sort of scheme to make micros available to all the disabled who might benefit.

Oric slides

ORIC HAS CRASHED, along with Prism which distributed the Atmos as well as the Spectrum and the Enterprise.

Sinclair and Enterprise have made alternative arrangements and the receivers are now looking for buyers for Oric and Prism. Barry Moncaster of Oric is suggesting a management buy-out and a multinational company is also believed to be interested.

Oric's normally talkative

Marketing Consultant Bruce Everiss, who last year jumped before Imagire fell, will only say: "If I had a crystal ball I wouldn't be sitting here now". But he admits that French Atmos sales have collapsed in the last couple of months — "the Amstrad is the cult machine in France at the moment".

In Britain Oric has blamed Prism for failing to distribute properly.

PRICE FIGHTS

Sinclair and Acorn war



Commodore 128: Can CBM duck the price war?

MASSIVE PRICE CUTS, £50 off the Spectrum Plus and £70 off the Electron, have left the two old rivals squaring up to each other at the £130 mark. The first casualty of the war has been the "dead flesh" keyboard of the old Spectrum which has been buried without ceremony — only the click keyboard Plus will continue.

A Plus upgrade from Sinclair for an old Spectrum will cost £30 — or £20 for a kit which may put other keyboard makers out of business. Sinclair, who celebrated the manufacture of the five millionth Sinclair designed micro last month, has also taken on Commodore by chopping the price of Microdrive cartridges to

£2 and claiming that the Microdrive saves and loads faster than the notoriously slow CBM 1541 disc drive.

But Commodore insists it will not cut prices yet. Nevertheless expect a cheaper 64 to make room for the CBM 128 this summer. This may leave the C-16 and Plus-4 in no-man's land.

TOUCHING BYEBYE TO THE KEYBOARD



Touchtech turns screen into paper.

TOUCHSCREENS are the ultimate in megapriced accessories for the executive who has everything — except the ability to communicate

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TELLY SOFTWARE allows you to download programs straight from your television. All you need is a home made light pen to stick over the pulsating cursor square which will be appearing in the corner of the screen on Channel 4's new show, 4 Computer Buffs, every Monday night.

Mike Thorne of University College, Cardiff has produced a design for a pen which you could make yourself for less than £5. All you need to do is plug it into your computer — Spectrum and BBC programs will be broadcast initially — and attach the light cell end to the screen where it can pick up the binary code flashing through.

Because the speed of data transmission is limited by the scan rate of the television screen it can take five minutes to load each kilobyte of program.

Quickdisc takes on Microdrives

QUICK DISCS for the Spectrum should be available from April for around £100. The Crescent Quickies use a spiral disc like a record which cannot be randomly accessed like the concentric discs which make most disc drives so fast. However according to the Crescent's makers, Servicon Dynamics, it is up to 20 times faster than a Microdrive.

Commodore on Telsoft

NEXT MONTH our Telsoft service kicks off the new Commodore 64 facility with the Space Junk program which starts in this issue.

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"THE GUY threatened to break my knees last week" jokes Bruce Everiss, well we hope it was a joke, after talking to Fireiron's new backer, scrap dealing millionaire Talbot Smith. Fireiron — home of Imagine refugees like Eugene Evans and Dave Lawson — has been plagued with practical jokes. One week six driving schools turned up to give one-time Lotus driver, now Beetle owner, Eugene his first driving lesson. For some reason, frying pan to fire specialist Bruce — who moved from Imagine to Oric — fell under suspicion and was warned off by someone he describes as "Talbot Smith's gopher". Mild-mannered Bruce replied by sending him a bunch of daffodils which provoked the call from the breaker's yard.

EYE PATCH firmly in place and parrot on shoulder I ring up a Mr Ramsden, of Pye Greave Farm near Barnsley who is offering Commodore 64 software for sale "all copied but excellent" from tape, disc or cartridge. His "brother" answers, Mr Ramsden is not there. I identify myself and say I will be back in touch. "Just you be careful", the "brother" replies, "or I'll be back in touch with you good and proper".

AMSTRAD BCSS Alan Sugar has been stirring rumours of new Amstrads — essentially different versions of the current machine with built-in drives and more memory — but Amstrad is keeping mum about the details. Amsoft's William Poel — the man who offered to eat an Amstrad in Trafalgar Square if the machine was late — says Sugar's guiding principle is "don't stimulate until you can consummate".

I KNOW sales of the QL could be better but does Sinclair have to go to the extreme of giving away hundreds of them to Strathclyde University in order to win the lukewarm tribute that very few have gone wrong?

ACORNSOFT'S David Johnson Davies will be surprised to hear himself described as "a cross between Ivan Lendl and an Egyptian mummy", particularly by someone who is about to launch his Elite on the CBM-64. Allegedly David "is good at tennis, gets as far as the semi-finals and then trips over the bandages". What can this mean?

Elsie Dee

ANGRY ATARI

Jack's boys hit back

ATARI IS ACCUSING Sinclair of sour grapes after his attacks on the new ST micros. "Sir Clive tried with the QL and it hasn't succeeded", says Atari's U.K. marketing director Robert Harding.

Sinclair admits that '84 was a tough year for the QL but insists that '85 is going to be the year of the QL rather than of the rival 68000-based Atari ST range which Sir Clive claims will be late and disappointing.

Harding's schedule for this year is to introduce the Infinity package on the 800 XL for around £100 this spring — this includes word processor, spelling checker, database and spreadsheet, launch the 16-bit STs in the summer and the 8-bit £170 128K XE replacement for the XL in the autumn.

The 128K 130ST will cost no more than a QL and the 520 ST



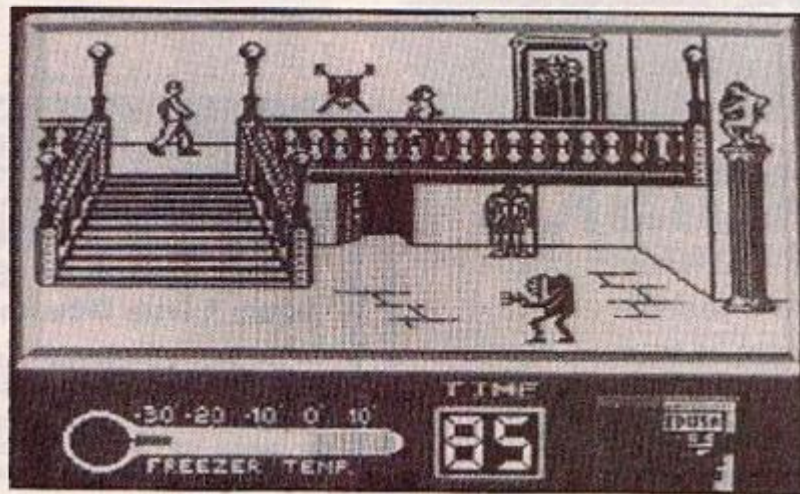
Tramiel's new Atari ST, and behind, XE micros.

with half megabyte Ram, TV monitor, 3.5in. drive, mouse, printer and Infinity less than £1,000. Whose machines will

answer the 68000-based question — Jack Tramiel's or Sir Clive's — or will they settle it over 15 rounds in the Baron of Beef.

ROCKY HORROR —

A SMALL SCREAM



Rocky Horror: Can Brad and Janet survive?

BANNED in South Africa on the grounds that repeated showings would corrupt the nation's youth, and even more mysteriously deleted from Cliff Richard's memory the Rocky Horror Show is about to be unleashed onto the small screens of a million Spectrums.

Richard O'Brien's camp, gothic, glam-rock, fantasy horror spoof musical which spun off the stage into films, records, books

and parties in the mid 1970's will be a CRL computer game by March.

But writer Richard will not be playing much part in the project since he is "terrified of technology" — he does not use a word processor, nor even a typewriter. "I'd rather work with a pad and a pencil." He's leaving the programming to long-time Horror fan Ian Ellery.

You can be Brad or Janet,

clean cut American teenagers as you roam the haunted and decidedly decadent house trying to free your companion who has been turned to stone, encountering such wacky characters as Eddy — the force from the freezer. While the Spectrum does not give full range to songs like *Science Fiction Double Feature* CRL is already working on a Commodore 64 version with the declared aim of bettering Activision's rendering of Ghostbusters — but then CRL also claims that Rocky Horror is "good wholesome family fun."

Cliff Richard? — O'Brien was watching TV the other day when he heard Cliff talking about Boy George, "No-one would have thought ten years ago that a man dressed up as a girl would be a hit". "Wrong, Cliff" was O'Brien's reaction — in 1975 Rocky Horror's show stopper Tim Curry in his high heels and fishnet stockings was the talk of the town.

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- Centronics/RGB/HIFI etc. ports.
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So come on all you games writers and micro buyers — Think.

M E Hodges,
Shipham,
Somerset.

DATA CALC BUGS

THANK YOU for publishing my article Datacalc. There are two or three errors pointed out to me since the publication, and perhaps you would be kind enough to publish the following amendments.

- If DFS is fitted then line 100 should read: 100 V1 = 45: etc.
- To use trigonometrical functions in the formulae the line 1725 should be added,
1725 IF MID\$(B\$, x, 3) = "SIN"
OR MID\$(B\$, x, 3) = "COS"
THEN C\$ = C\$ + MIDS(B\$, x,

YOUR Letters

- 3) : x = x + 3: GOTO 1720.
- In line 1770 I have used the function VAL to evaluate the value of f, I should of course have used EVAL, therefore line 1770
C\$ = C\$ - FVAL MIDS(F\$,
x \$ + ", " + STR\$ EVAL (F"
+ ", 8)".
- I have omitted to return the printing width to its default value after a printing operation, therefore line 4875 should be:
4875 VDU3: WIDTH0.

Brian Lato,
Leicester.

SCREEN STORE

I HAVE SEEN many programs for the Spectrum which store the screen in memory and then reprint it on request very quickly. The following program will do the same thing on the Amstrad CPC 464 computer. I advise that you only use the routine to store one screen as these screens, being more complex than their Spectrum counterparts, require more memory. Do not be fooled by the size of the routine as it uses one of the powerful features of the Z-80, that being its ability to move blocks of memory about. The routine will save any screen in any mode including colours if they are used.

To use the routine simply Call (ad+9) to store a screen and then Call

(ad) to reprint it. The routine is especially useful when changing mode after drawing a complex screen, knowing that returning to that same screen will require tedious redrawing of it. Care should be taken not to get the Call number mixed up as calling the store routine instead of the draw routine will result in the precious screen being replaced with whatever is on the screen at the time of the Call.

Type in the program as below but when you have tested it you may save it in the method described on page 42 of the manual. Once the routine has been saved in the form of bytes it can be loaded and added to your program as follows.

```
10 LET ad = 24550.
20 FOR n = 0 TO 24: READ a: POKE
n + ad, a: NEXT
30 REM Print = ad * Store
= ad + 0
40 DATA &f3,33,00,96,17,00,192,
&18,8,&f3,33,00,192,17,00,96,
0,0,0,0064,&ed,&bc,&fb,201
```

David Channon,
Welford Park,
C'Field.

ERROR NEWS

THERE HAS been an error in the article with my program Newsmonger. An important Poke command has been omitted and there was a misprint. After the sentence Poke 16511,66 N/L there should be printed:

POKE 16512,2 N/L

and you have created line 0 with a Rem containing 576 bytes.

Fran Zym,
Holland.

"BBC IS BEST"

I READ WITH some amusement Steven Hill's answer to a reader's letter concerning the QL and BBC. Having used both machines where I work I feel I can set the record straight.

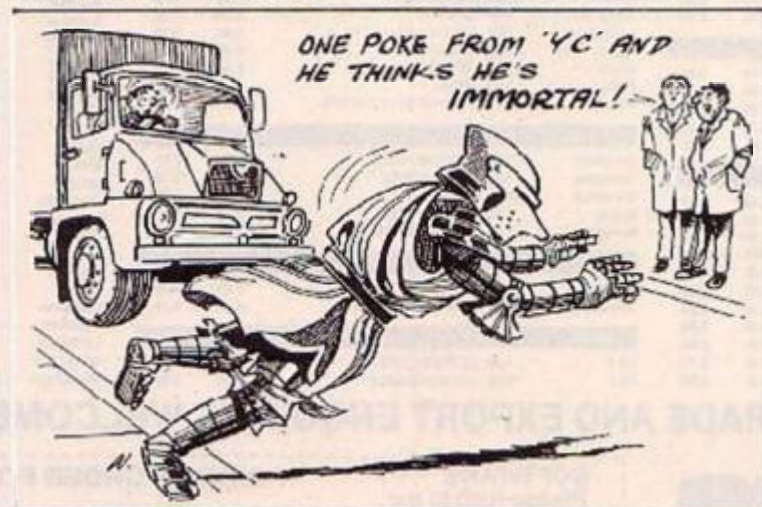
For a start the claim that the QL's graphics are four times faster than the BBC's is nonsense. Perhaps Mr Hill made an error and read his time in days instead of seconds, because the BBC's graphics and Basic in general are much faster than the QL's. The scrolling is a case in point. Although the QL's Pan and Scroll commands are easier to use than the BBC's VDU23, the latter's scrolling is instantaneous due to its hardware nature. The QL scrolling is very sluggish and in order to achieve some semblance of smoothness the user has to resort to machine code.

How do you do that? Easy on a BBC, the excellent built-in assembler allows assembly instructions to be mixed with Basic. QL users will have problems.

As for the "outstanding technical achievement" line, Mr Hill has

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obviously never looked underneath a BBC Micro. With its multitude of interfaces and ports the BBC allows the connection of virtually any peripheral.

The BBC beats the QL in other areas too — better sound, higher resolution, better keyboard, more reliable, more inbuilt features such as interrupt software and Rom routines and much better after-sales service.

Graham Walkden,
Banbury,
Kintardine.

DIGGER DIG

IN MONSTER DIGGER — *Your Computer*, December 1984 — the author, Michael Pike, warns against typing in the line number of the line immediately after the Rem as this will cause line 0 to be listed over and over again. He ascribes this to a "bug in the Rom". It is nothing of the sort and is, in fact, the normal response of the ZX-81 when you Poke an incorrect line length into a program line.

The nine Rem statements as described for lines 1 to 9 — 10 full lines of zeroes — would each consist of Rem followed by 314 — not 320 — zeroes, and each line would contain a total of 320 bytes made up of line number, line length, Rem, 314 zeroes and Newline. Combining these nine lines into a single Rem statement will produce a line containing 2876 bytes — not 2816 as stated in the article — and this will be achieved by Poke

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16511,60; Poke 165,2,11.

If an invalid line length is Poked into 16511/12, then repetitive listing of the sort described will occur on attempting to delete the following line. It is probably worth checking, when combining lines in this way, that: PRINT PEEK (16512 + PEEK 16511 + 256 * PEEK 16512)

does give the correct answer 118 for the Newline character at the end of the line.

N F Cunningham,
Ripley,
Surrey.

ASCII FILES

I RECENTLY HAD contact with Sinclair Research regarding a particular phenomenon with the QL and Microdrives. I had created and saved a program onto Microdrive and, on reading the number of sectors used — namely 42, assumed that the program was 21K in length. However, when the program was loaded back, the Basic pointer had moved half as much

again, some 31K. The explanation was given as follows:

"A program is saved on Microdrive as an ASCII file, therefore when it is loaded it is tokenised and routine addressed appended. For example, the word Print (five bytes) is tokenised into two bytes, plus a four byte address means an extra byte is used. In fact, it appears that the user has 86K bytes available for program size as long as no new channels are used and certain print options not used."

You can build a program as a data file, and if no line numbers are used and the file is LRun, the program runs, but cannot be listed — nothing to list. To do this create the following program:

```
1 INPUT 'NAME', file$
2 OPEN-NEW #5;'mdvl' & file$
4 REPEAT build
5 INPUT L$;IF L$ = 'STOP':EXIT
   build
6 PRINT #5 L$
7 END REPEAT build
8 Close #5
```

Note line 5, two points, the first is the double =, this makes the entry case independent, and secondly, a colon can be used instead of Then. If you run the program and for example input the following:

```
Paper 0: INK 6: cls
Fill 1: circle 100,50,50,fill 0
Stop
```

and you called the file "test": if you Lrun mdvl-test a filled circle will appear. This idea can be extended:

```
1 INPUT 'NAME', file$
2 OPEN-NEW #5;'mdvl' & file$
3 lno=10
4 REPEAT build
5 INPUT (no); 'L$;if L$ = 'STOP':
   EXIT build
6 PRINT #5;lno " "L$;
   lno=lno+10
7 END REPEAT build
8 Close #5
9 MRUN'mdvl' & file$
```

Your program is tacked onto the end of this one.

B G Cornhill,
Aylesbury.

CORRECTIONS

Lines 2266 to 2294 and line 2185 we left out of the listing for Mars Buggy in the February issue. They are given below. Enter the letters in upper case.

```
2266 dataff,ff,ff,ff,ff,ff,ff,ff
2267 data7c,fe,c6,fe,c6,c6,c6,00
2268 datafc,e6,c6,fc,c6,e6,fc,00
2269 data7c,e6,c6,c6,c6,e6,7c,00
2270 data78,ec,c6,c6,c6,ec,78,00
2271 data7e,e0,c6,fe,c6,e0,7e,00
2272 data7e,e0,c6,fe,c6,c6,c6,00
2273 data7c,e6,c6,c6,c6,e6,7c,00
2274 datac6,c6,c6,fe,c6,c6,c6,00
2275 datafc,30,30,30,30,30,fc,00
2276 data7e,3c,0c,0c,0c,0c,3c,00
2277 datac6,ec,fc,fc,fc,ec,c6,00
2278 datac0,c0,c0,e0,e0,e0,7e,00
2279 data44,ee,fe,d6,c6,c6,c6,00
2280 data46,fe,fe,fe,ee,e6,46,00
2281 data7c,fe,e6,e6,e6,e6,7c,00
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2282 data7c,fe,e6,fc,e0,e0,60,00
2283 data7c,c6,c6,c6,66,3c,0e,00
2284 data7c,c6,c6,fc,fc,fc,46,00
2285 data7c,c6,c6,fc,06,e6,7c,00
2286 datafe,98,18,18,18,18,18,00
2287 data44,c6,c6,c6,c6,c6,7c,00
2288 data00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00
2289 datac6,c6,c6,c6,e6,7c,38,00
2290 datac6,c6,c6,c6,fe,d6,62,00
2291 data66,66,3c,18,3c,66,66,00
2292 data44,ff,00,ff,00,ff,00,ff
2293 data00,ff,00,ff,84,4c,44,41
2294 data00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00
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2185 data3e,03,ac,56,03,b9,00,40
In the same issue the text loader for Spectrum Synsounds and Spraymania contains a few errors. To correct it insert lines 75 and 115, and change line 100:
75 LET x=0
100 POKE 1+X,Z
115 LET x=x-1
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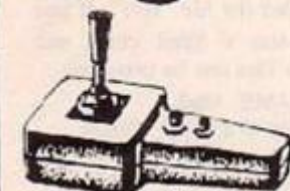
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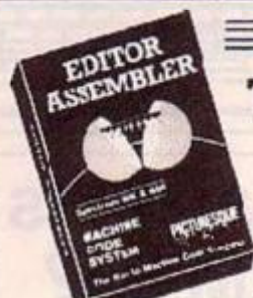
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of this software straightaway. As ever, though, life is not quite that simple. CP/M was first developed on the now almost extinct 8 in. discs. Later the standard 5.25 in. floppies were used. Now of course, we have 3.5 in. and 3 in. discs. Obviously you cannot run programs from the wrong-sized discs. But you also have to check that the format of the discs are the same. This can vary from machine to machine, even if they all run CP/M.

You normally boot, that is load up, CP/M from a disc. As the drive whirrs, the operating system program is being loaded into the main working memory of the micro, the Ram — random access memory. Booting — short for bootstrapping — requires some very simple program already in the micro to carry out this first operation. It is only after CP/M itself has been loaded that it can be used for more complex operations. This processing is called bootstrapping by analogy with someone

pulling him or herself up by their own bootstraps.

CP/M signals that it is ready to accept your commands by means of the simple prompt `A>`.

The `A` refers to the disc drive you are currently using. If you have a second drive it would be called `B`, and so on.

There is a certain class of commands that are always available, and can be run immediately. A second class, called rather grandly "transients", have to be pulled in off the CP/M master disc to Ram before they can be run.

One of the most useful of the first class is `DIR`. Entering this command produces a directory of all the files on the current disc. You can copy files from disc to disc using `copy`, which is a transient command, and has to be loaded each time you wish to use it. This cannot, however, be used to copy the CP/M program itself. This has to be located right at the outside of a disc, and requires a special command `SYSGEN`, short for System Generator, another transient.

BEGINNERS

first bytes

CP/M is mainly used with micros based on the Z-80 processor. Popular machines which are built around this chip include the Sinclair Spectrum and the MSX machines. As yet, however, these do not run under CP/M.

The Amstrad, which also uses a Z-80, does plan to offer CP/M when its disc drive appears. For other machines you normally have to buy an add-on which contains a Z-80 as a second processor running in parallel with the main chip. This is the tech-

nique used with the BBC micro and its Z-80 second processor unit.

As well as offering CP/M for more advanced 16-bit machines, Digital Research has also produced something called Concurrent CP/M. As its name suggests, this allows you to run several programs under CP/M concurrently, that is at the same time. Obviously, you need much more internal memory for this to hold all the programs simultaneously.

Even if it is unlikely therefore to filter down to the cheapest home micros, it is still an exciting development, and shows that there is life in CP/M yet.

Recording, storing and retrieving program data

THE VERY EARLIEST computers had programs laboriously entered by hand, machine code bit by machine code bit. The program was stored simply by existing physically as a series of small pegs inserted in holes on a board.

Later, technology progressed to allow streams of bits to be held in what was called a delay line — which did exactly that. A long tube was filled with fluid, and crystal oscillators and receivers used to send pulses along its length. An amplifier could keep a set of digits flowing around the tube for later use. Unfortunately, when you switched that power off, the information was lost. In this respect, these early storage devices were rather like the modern day Ram that dies when the micro is turned off.

True storage of programs began with the punched cards and streams of paper tape. Series of holes in them were read, first mechanically, and later optically, to produce corresponding electrical digits — a binary 1 for a hole, and a binary 0 for no hole. Ultimately magnetic media were developed, that allowed much higher storage densities and far swifter retrieval times.

The commonest form of data storage found in home micros is the audio cassette tape. Programs are simply converted into a series of audio signals that can be recorded onto the magnetic tape like any other noise. A beep is used to represent a binary 1 and the absence of a beep a binary 0.

When a program is loaded from a tape a similar process of translation is used to convert these audio signals back a series of electrical impulses which the micro can deal with.

There are obvious problems with this technique. First, the audio cassette is hardly a high-precision

piece of equipment. Tiny faults that would be unnoticeable in audio playbacks could cause changes in single bits that would be fatal in a program.

The medium is also slow. Ordinary cassette recorders just cannot handle very fast changes between beep and non-beep.

Finally, and in some ways most inconveniently, to find a particular item on a tape you may have to run through nearly all of it. Similarly, you cannot go back to a particular spot without rewinding the whole tape. The Microdrives from Sinclair try to get round this by using a continuous loop of tape, rather like the old tape cartridge.

This type of medium is called sequential, because you must go through the information stored in it in sequence. You cannot jump from one part to another. The latter type are called random access, and are both faster and generally more expensive than sequential systems.

The most familiar type of random access storage is Ram, which gets its name from random access memory. But like the delay lines, it is volatile — that is, its contents are lost as soon as you switch off the machine. However, the floppy disc is also random access, and retains its data.

Floppy discs use the same basic kind of recording technology found in audio cassettes, but instead of having a long thin strip they spread the magnetic coating over the surface of a plastic disc. The disc rotates at high speed — typically 300 rpm — underneath the reading and writing head of the unit. This is very similar to the head of a cassette deck.

But the high speed of rotation, and the precision tooling which allow the head to touch lightly the disc's surface mean that about 10 times as much information can be stored on a typical disc. It is also possible to up-



and download programs from it very much faster.

The discs are divided up into concentric tracks, and the tracks into sectors. These tracks are not physically visible on a record, but are determined by the process of formatting.

Before using discs, you normally have to use a formatting program which places small magnetic markers on its surface setting out the possible positions for data to be stored. Most discs nowadays are soft-sectored in this way, though a few are hard-sectored: they have small physically marks that divide up the surface into regions.

Many different manufacturers lay down the marks on their discs in different ways. This means that although the micro could theoretically run a program written in say Basic, it might not be able to read from the disc because the formats are different. Another factor to be considered in this area of compatibility is whether a disc is single or double sided, and what the density is.

These are the new 3.5in. floppies. Older versions were 5.25in. and before that even 8in. Even though the physical size has come down, this

dramatically, capacities for floppies are well up into the Megabyte region.

There is a more expensive version of floppies that is just beginning to filter down to the home computer market. This is the hard disc. Whereas floppies allow you to remove and replace the disc system, which means that the whole design must be that much more robust, hard disc systems are completely enclosed in airtight containers. Far higher rotation speeds can be employed, allowing faster access and much higher densities. Hard discs — or Winchester as they are sometimes known — can store 100 Megabytes and over.

Looking into the future, there is a technology just beginning to come through which promises even more fantastic storage capacities than those of hard discs. This is the optical disc.

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Blackburn

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Lincoln

Lincoln Computer Club is part of Lincolnshire Micro-processor Society and has some interesting evenings billed for the future including "Music and Computers" and a visit to the Computer Control Unit at the NatWest Bank. The club meets at the Cardinal's Hat, 263 High Street, Lincoln. More details from Doug as Griffiths, 659 Newark Road, Swallowbeck, Lincoln LN6 8SA. Telephone: 0522 680578.

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COMPUTER

Paul Bond discovers one of the great granddaddies of computer clubs with modern ideas in Harrow.

club

THE HARROW COMPUTER Group must surely be one of the great granddaddies of the fraternal programming phenomenon. It can claim to have started meeting informally in late 1968 — yes, 1968 — and was formally constituted in early 1969. Some of our younger readers may imagine that the biggest problem the original members had to contend with was dodging pterodactyls on the way back home — but the pioneering home computer of this time was the Nascom I.

"Machines seem to go in phases here," opined one club member. "First there was the Nascom, then the Commodore PET, then the BBC. I don't know what'll be next". Many major computer industry figures almost certainly share this uncertainty.

Wednesday night — or at least the alternate Wednesday night — is robot night at Harrow, at least in theory. Bazyle Butcher, self-styled ex-charman of the club, had brought along a prototype turtle-oid device that he was working on, and on previous evenings various types of robots had been known to make an appearance.

Mr Butcher was at pains to point out that while he himself is a microwave engineer, membership of the club is drawn from all walks of life. This was certainly evident: on the night *Your Computer* attended the club. One member, a British Telecom

manager, had acquired a 3BC to learn Basic. Other members included a gentleman who worked for a builder's firm and maintained that he used it for running the company golf club, a member of the Metropolitan police force, and a lady who displayed such a remarkable reluctance to reveal her name or occupation to the press that she must be assumed to work for some secret department of government. One would have thought we were going to make fun of her.

Some of the younger members of the club were engaged in a game entitled "BMX on the Moon", but criticism of games software for the BBC machine was not restrained — certain companies, like Aardvark Software, however, were considered to have produced some quality material.

Recent club lectures have included a talk on tel:software by Bob Tidy, and a discussion of Commodore programming techniques led by Peter Calver of Supersoft. Doubtless this will attract members of the PET group, who currently meet in a member's house. The Harrow Computer Group has plans for a stand as usual at the London Festival of Computing to be held April 9-21. Inquiries about the Festival should be directed

to RPR on 01-734 2907.

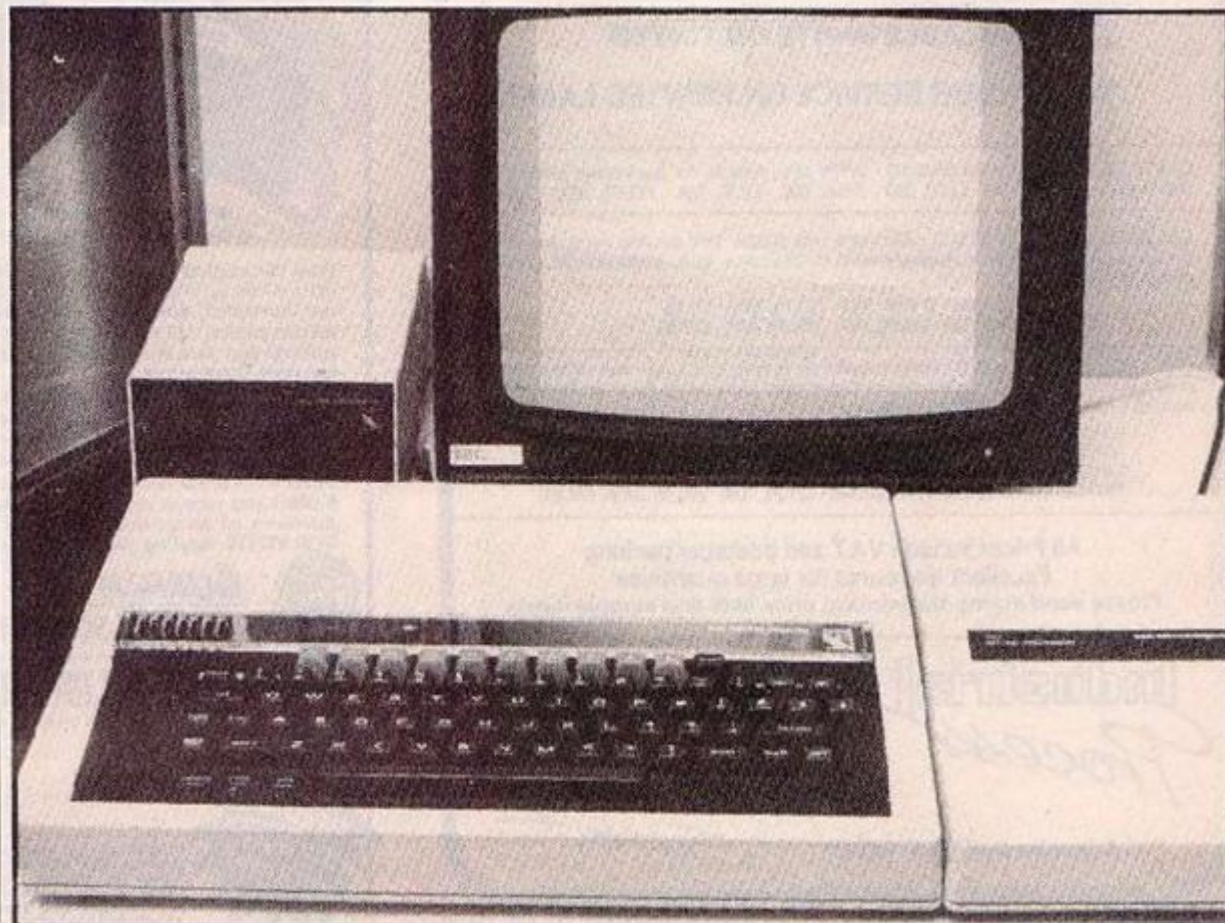
Apart from lectures, hardware evenings, and attendance at exhibitions, the club operates a members' library. This contains British and American magazines, technical books and also a Buzzbox modem.

The Harrow Computer Group is a member of the Association of London Computer Clubs — Bazyle Butcher is an ex-treasurer of the ALCC — as well as being affiliated to the Association of Computer Clubs national group.

Membership of the club also entitles you to visit Croydon Micro Club, the Independent Commodore Products User Group clubs, Sutton Library Club, North Kent Amateur Computer Club — and this is to name but a few.

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The Printer Interface consists of a cable which plugs into the user port, and the software on tape needed to drive it. As well as offering a double height option it handles Commodore graphics characters and screen dumps. Since the Alphacom uses four inch wide paper it is probably not suitable for word-processing purposes but in every other respect compares well with Commodore printers. For an example of its print quality see the listing for the Vic Basic Extensions article in this issue.

Printer Interface can also be connected to the Sinclair ZX Printer. It is available by mail order only from Softex Computers, Bournemouth Tel: 0202 422028.

Oric Products

Eus Cover
Oric/Atmos
Free

A small piece of plastic is available from Oric products to stop owners from blowing up their Orics whilst groping around the back of the machine to find the socket for the power jack. It covers the expansion bus and can be removed when you want to plug something in.

Ram

Joystick interface
Spectrum
£11.50

The joystick interface is Kempston compatible, and will take any sort of "atari" type joystick, including quickshot II and rapid fire. Unfortunately there is no continuation of the expansion bus. Available from retailers.

HARDWARE

Penman

■ BBC
■ Penman Products Ltd.
■ £217

Is it a plotter? Is it a robot? Is it a mouse? No, it's Penman. Set this handy little gadget down on a piece of paper and away it goes plotting smooth lines in three colours. You can also draw curves using polar coordinates.

With a suitably white piece of paper on a black background, the Penman will initialise itself and find the corner of the paper using its light sensors. The three pens drop in to their holders and the mobile robot is connected to its base by a ribbon cable. Despite its size it is capable of good resolution — 0.03mm — and tight circles. Its performance certainly compares well with conventional flat-bed plotters.

Not content with this, the Penman can be used like a "mouse", or a "rat" to be exact as it has no actuate button. Two light sensors are built in to enable the unit to find the edge of the paper and these can be used to digitise pictures although the resolution is rather low.

The software is only available on disc and has a number of demonstration routines and utilities. The utilities show you how to incorporate commands to the Penman into a Basic program, as well as using direct



Above: Penman plotter.

single letter instructions. The software can also be used with the Acornsoft Logo language.

Standard plotter pens are used which are widely available in a variety of widths and colours. You can even use a humble Pentell.

In theory, Penman could be used with any computer with a serial interface and some information is

given in the manual on programming. However, it seems likely that the machine's big market will be in schools where it can demonstrate the simple principles of robotics, and might come in handy for plotting results or charts. The unit appears rugged and should stand up well to the classroom environment.

Below and left: Examples of Penman's work.



Oric Modem

■ Oric/Atmos
■ Oric Products
■ £99.95

WINNER of the "coming soon" award for late arrival two years running, the Oric modem, announced at the launch of the Oric-I has finally arrived. Oric have stuck with their policy of badging-up a tried and tested product and designing a custom interface. The modem is plugged into a new-style BT phone socket and the phone is plugged in to the modem. The phone can still be used normally.

A short piece of ribbon cable connects the expansion port to the small, slim box containing the interface which is connected to the modem by an RS432 cable. This interface will be built-in to Oric's new IQ164 computer which can be connected to a wide range of modems.

The system software is available on

tape or disc and contains all the software necessary to use the computer as a Prestel terminal. Although a half-duplex 1200 baud mode is available this is not used by the software, and insufficient technical detail is given for the user to attempt to write such software himself. Oric do say that some communications software is under development. The Prestel software is pleasant to use with the keyboard conveniently redefined for Prestel commands.

The computer's memory is used as a buffer so that pages the user wants to store are filed, and then dumped to tape or disc offline.

For business users, a separate company, Cytel is also marketing the modem. For an extra £45 you get the same hardware but with the Cytel software. This is an improvement on the Oric software, although it is only available for the Atmos. It features auto I/D and password transmission and has an offline message buffer, allowing mailbox messages to be

prepared before logging on.

This software is obviously only worth it if you plan to use Prestel very extensively. One gripe is that you can't view a catalogue of programs stored on disc. However, Cytel do say that users will get software upgrades when these become available.

Both sets of software allow pages to be recalled and printed on an Epson-type printer, double size. The modem was completely reliable during testing and the software performed competently, occasionally getting tied up with hamfisted treatment. But for the price, it looks bad value for money beside some new releases. However, this is the only modem with software designed for the Oric, although Protek have one in the pipeline which will have communications software as well. Micronet has no plans to support the Oric at the moment, but much depends on the demand from Oric owners.

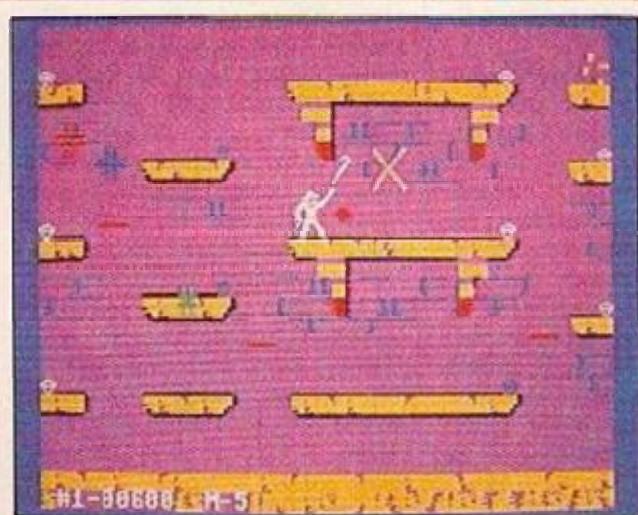
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Star★ chart

Maze

BBC B
Acornsoft
Maze game
£9.95

★ ★ ★

3-D mazes have been around on home micros almost as long as bat'n ball games. Acornsoft's is a highly superior version which enlivens the basic concept with bullet-firing robots, lifts, and fast scene changes. Equally pleasing is the way it mixes colours to decorate the corridors in a range of soothing pastel shades.

Labyrinth

BBC B
Acornsoft
Arcade adventure
£9.95

★ ★ ★

Roam seven levels of a labyrinth in search of the extraordinary seventh crystal. On route you can shoot or crush a variety of exotic creatures, or replenish yourself by eating fruit. The idea behind the game is far from novel but the way it is executed — smooth scrolling, superb animation — lifts it out of the ordinary: another confirmation of Acornsoft's return to form.

Break Fever

CBM-64
Interceptor Software
Educational
£7

★ ★ ★

Hey you! No matter what your crew this is the plastic with a program for you. Break dancing on computer with a pre-recorded track — are you bad news or just slack? Crucial, well hard, cronic man, too styley, murder — maybe that's you.

Stylo, wacked, they've got all the terms; try some wild style and burn baby burn. Written by Hardip Mothada and Dennis Reilly, this game consists of manipulating a break dancing figure using a joystick. You can do donkey kicks, space shuttles, headspins, flips, back slams and backspins.

SOFTWARE

Match Day

■ Spectrum 48K
■ Football Action
■ Ocean
■ £7.95

★ ★ ★

THE THRILLS of *Match of the Day* and — no Jimmy Hill. To some extent Ocean has realised that football fans' dream with *Match Day*. For well over a year International Soccer for the Commodore 64 has been unchallenged as the top football action game for any computer. Now the Spectrum is back in the running.

Of course the limitations of the Spectrum's screen handling makes *Match Day*'s graphics inferior to the CBM-64 game. But Ocean's program compensates for the poorer graphics with subtler controls which allow you to develop a whole variety of ball-playing skills.

Imagine watching a match from the TV camera's gantry high up in the main stand. That's the view you have of the action which scrolls smoothly as the play moves from one end of the field to the other.

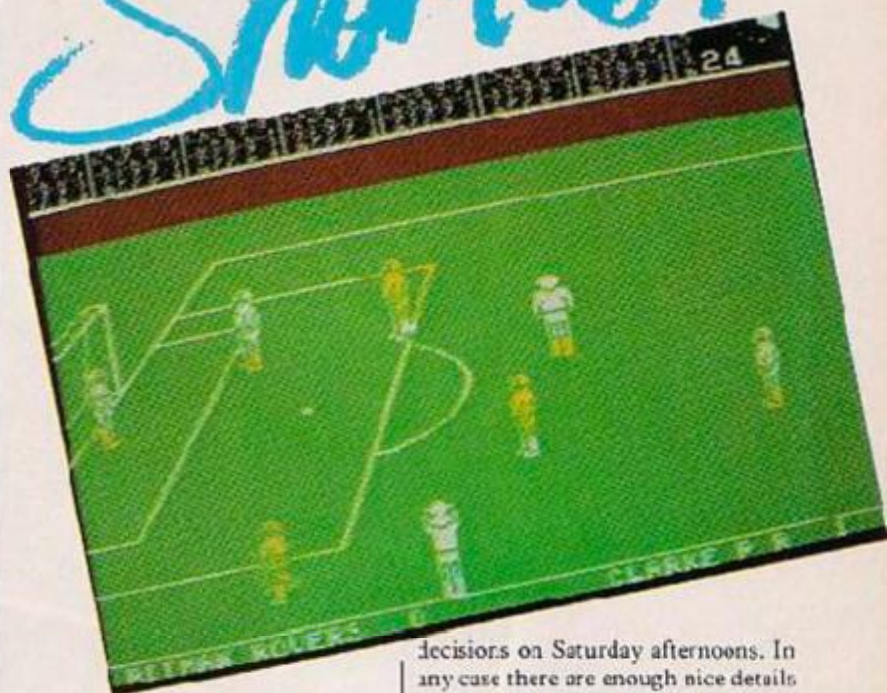
Match Day is a two-player game or if you want some really tough opposition try out your own brand of total football on the computer's International level. It's the top level of three and it never puts a foot wrong.

The program's Amateur and Professional games are also very good but beatable, and they are the only place to start if you've never played before — especially when you are trying to perfect the penetrating throughball.

Set pieces like corners, throw-ins and goal kicks can be very finely timed and crushingly effective. In situations like these, as in the normal run of play, you can vary the angle and the pace of the ball. Probably one of the most difficult techniques to master using the joystick is the diagonal crossfield pass along the ground. But once you have got the hang of it, it really can cut the computer's defences to shreds.

Control passes from one team to another according to whichever is closest to the ball. Although that may sound simple, trapping and controlling the ball itself is another matter. The only way to do that effectively is to watch the ball's shadow and move your man to where you expect it to land.

As the slightly arthritic-looking players troop out on to the pitch to a rendering of the *Match of the Day* music, you might wonder what Jimmy Hill would make of some of the refereeing decisions the computer allows. The goals scored directly from throw-ins would certainly make that famous chin drop in disbelief. And most commentators would soon



run out of clichés if in real matches the ball were to stick unmovably behind the goalkeeper for a whole half at a time.

But you soon get used to that — just as you learn to live with bad

decisions on Saturday afternoons. In any case there are enough nice details in this program to make up for the shortcomings. It's good to be able to name your own teams, choose the colours they'll be wearing as well as the competition they are playing in. All in all, a credit to the game.

Toby Woipe



1985 The Day After

■ CBM-64
■ Mastertronic
■ Tunnel twister
■ £1.99

★ ★ ★

THIS GAME GETS four stars because it's value for money (cheap). Compared to other Mastertronic programs, this one shows great style — so much so that I thought they would have it on a different price scale. But no, it's still good bargain basement stuff. The game itself has nothing to do with Anthony Burgess, George Orwell or American TV movies about the third world war.

You fly a lunar module lookalike off its launch pad, sideways along a tunnel, then up and on: into outer

space. Position the lunar bug over one of the brightly coloured moons hanging in the sky and you instantly tessellate into a different landscape.

Here your job is to collect little pink dots or nuclear plasma, as the technically-minded term this phenomenon. Passing UFOs — exactly like the ones in the classic Gerry Anderson TV series "UFO" — hinder the garnering process.

Using the lunar teleports you can jaunt off to 12 alien landscapes according to the inlay — I only managed three that looked radically different. If you are an ace spacer, you qualify to collect the fusion core from the last most difficult cavern. The main problem for the novice space trucker is getting out of the hanger. Once you've mastered attitude and thruster control, together with the use of the tractor (continues on page 39)

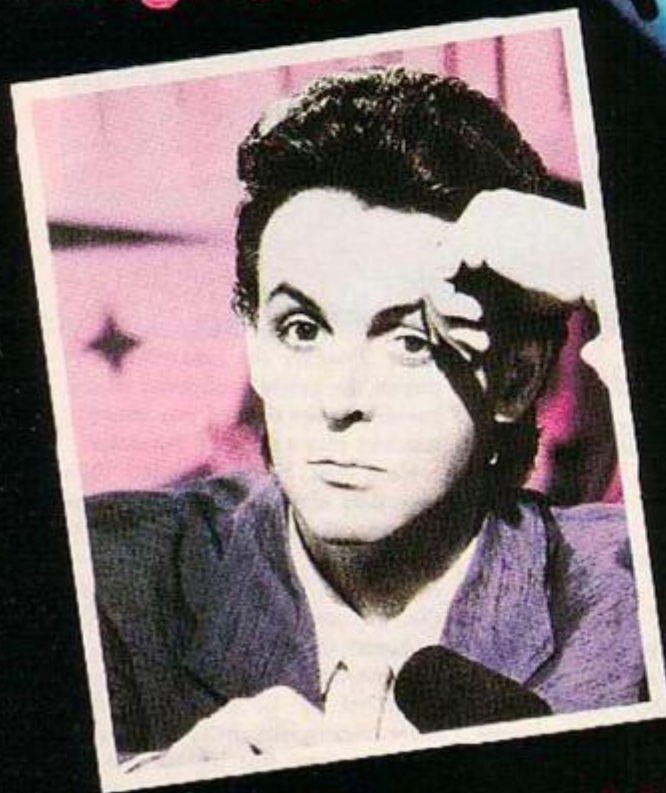
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Star★ chart

Penetrator

CBM-64
Melbourne
Arcade
£6.95

★ ★
Hailed as the best version of Skramble for the Spectrum, Penetrator now makes a belated appearance on the CBM 64 — a machine already well catered for Skramble-wise. Not one of the great CBM Skrambles perhaps but deserves a place in the top 10 for its excellent graphics, rousing soundtrack, training mode, and — a new feature — an option for redesigning the landscape.

Pyjamarama

Amstrad CPC-464
Amsoft/Mikro-Gen
Arcade adventure
£12.95

★ ★ ★ ★
Excellent graphics, a reincarnation of the game that attracted so much praise when it first appeared on the Spectrum. Find the alarm clock and wind it up to end Wally's nightmare. You have to pick up objects to achieve this goal, and an interesting feature is the way you can change the objects by passing over them. Makes some software houses look like wallies by comparison.

Finders Keepers

Spectrum 48K
Mastertronic
Platform
£1.99

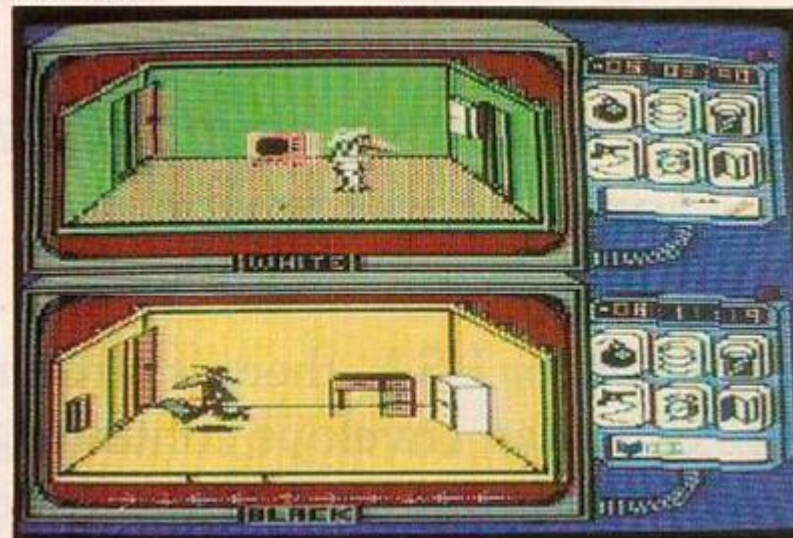
★ ★ ★
If you've never played a platform game, then this one might be worth a try. Your quest is to travel round the castle of Spriteland, collecting up treasures which the king has carelessly left scattered around his castle.

There are the usual collection of baddies trying to kill you, a maze and a large number of screens. You can only carry five objects at a time, and you can then trade them for cash, or be a good fellow and return them to the king.

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bear, the game becomes a real tooth-clencher — an original approach to the Lunar Lander stereotype. This game puts substance in the image that Mastertronic tried so hard to create in their first days; that of being a real threat to the established pricing structure of the home computer software market.

Paul Bono



Spy vs Spy

■ CBM-64
■ Beyond
■ Arcade Adventure
■ £9.95

★ ★ ★
ESPIONAGE HAS COME on a long way since the cartoon strip Spy vs Spy first went undercover in a 1960 edition of Mad magazine. Buckets of water, metal springs and guns attached to pieces of string are hardly the tools of the cloak-and-dagger trade that Smiley or any of his people would recognise.

But together with anarchist-type bombs with fuses and exploding alarm clocks they make up the armoury you use to outwit your opposite number and to escape from the embassy with a briefcase full of secret documents.

Two players can play this maze game or you can try your luck against the black spy controlled by the computer. You can even stack the odds in favour of your spy's mission by giving the computer a low IQ. Game options also include maze difficulty as well as keeping the door leading to the get-away plane hidden until all the objects have been collected.

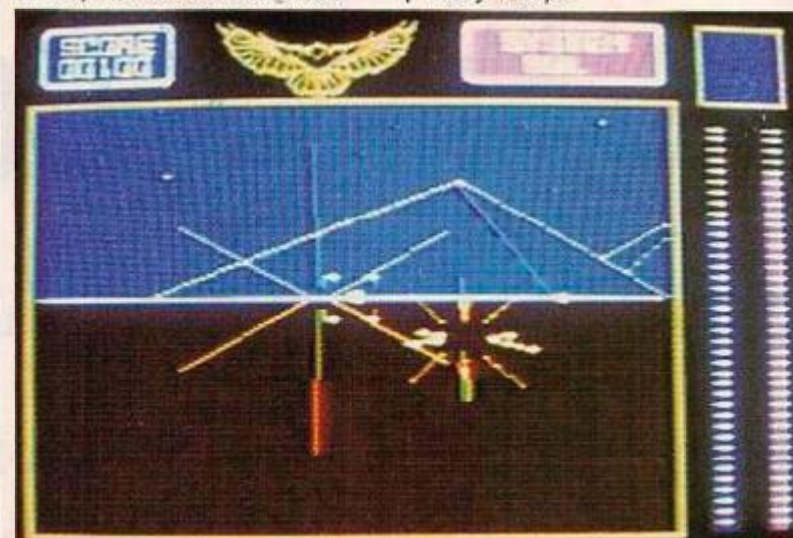
Although Spy vs Spy is no more than a maze adventure of the collect-the-objects-and-escape variety, the split-screen graphics and animation are very good. You can watch what nasty surprises your opponent is preparing for you on his screen and take evasive action by collecting the right object to protect you from it — umbrellas hidden behind coatracks are the only answer to the old bucket-behind-the-door trick.

To the right of the two screens are the Traptulators. Spies switch over to them to select the booby-trap they need or to look at the map. They also show the objects you are carrying, and the time left to complete the mission.

When you stumble across your rival secret agent searching for objects, it's hand-to-hand combat time. The only other option is to run and if you do, you risk losing items.

These combat sequences are fought out with wooden clubs, and the joystick movement you adopt determines whether you are going for a jab to the stomach or the head-smash. The loser dies and not only has the indignity of fluttering off to heaven in the form of an angel but also loses precious time.

Toby Wolpe



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Stellar 7

■ CBM-64
■ US Gold
■ 3D Matchstick Tanks
■ £9.95

★ ★ ★

I WAS A LITTLE surprised to find myself earthbound in an Atziesque Battle Zone scenario when the program eventually loaded — from the cover picture I deduced that I would be thrown headlong into some three-dimensional outer space shoot-'em-up, wreaking chaos in the vastness of the cosmos. But getting around between the seven star systems in the game is achieved by driving your XCV Agt-2 Raven vehicle straight into a Warplink. You only get to see one of these when you have vanquished everybody locally.

Grabbing a statistic out of the air, only three original games have been written for the Commodore 64 — and this is obviously not one of them. But then most machines, except for the proud and haughty BBC Micro, now have a commonality of software that extends far beyond the ubiquitous Space Invaders. This is a stylish implementation with some nice touches. The cassette contains a Raven Manual — an essential prop to those intent on living out the delusion that they are an inter-planetary tank commander. Quite mad and so young.

Once you have got your code nine security clearance you'll be able to appreciate some of the finer control features. There is a zoom lens option on the viewscreen which enables you to identify distant objects. Naturally, you have protonic shields whose current strength is indicated on the blue gauge located on the right side of your viewscreen in the leftmost position. You can also render the Raven invisible — a well known spin-off of protonic shield technology. Once you've got the hang of all this, you can go in for the advanced driving test.

Tips and hints are provided: don't refuel at a fuel bay until it is time to warp out, fuel-bays can only be used once. There are lots of tactical manoeuvres to master like "the move" and "firing in the interim".

Why all this technology is necessary when the enemy is plainly reduced to constructing its hardware out of matchsticks has always been beyond me. Still they pack a nasty punch, and as it says in the manual, the guiding principle of all these manoeuvres is simple: hit your target without getting hit. Receiving you loud and clear. Over and out.

Paul Bono

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Star★ chart

Mr Wong's Loopy Laundry

Ams'rad CPC 464
Artic
Platform game
£8.00

★ ★
Average game in which Mr Wong has to collect his laundry whilst being pursued by a flying iron. A sack of laundry and soap suds that are definitely not soft. The hardpressed Chinaman moves right and left and up and down the ladders dodging the hazards and collecting the washing. A platform game is a platform game.

Brian Bloodaxe

Spectrum 48K
The Edge
Arcade adventure
£7.95

★ ★
Over-hyped little number from the cutting Edge of Softek. Features over 100 screens, with more than 300 foes weapons and surprises. Every screen presents a logical problem — but what computer game doesn't? Graphically pedestrian, should have been released on the Softek label at a more reasonable price. Plays Sousa march, as per Monty Python — an old BBC TV comedy series, apparently.

Sentinal

CBM-64
U.S. Gold
Arcade/Strategy
£9.95

★ ★ ★
Star Raiders is widely regarded as a classic. Until now only available for the Atari, Sentinal is a conversion to the Commodore. Your job is to destroy the alien bases whilst stopping the ships from attacking your bases and home planet — their ultimate goal.

This requires a nice balance of defence and attack, as well as speed and reflexes. Despite being a classic in its time, it does look a little dated next to some more recent releases

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Zaga Mission

■ CBM-64
■ Anirog
■ Chopper hopper
■ £7.95

★ ★ ★
THERE ARE so many helicopter games on the market now that software reviewers leaving their offices adopt the crouching run peculiar to heavily-armed people disembarking from Bell Hueys in open country.

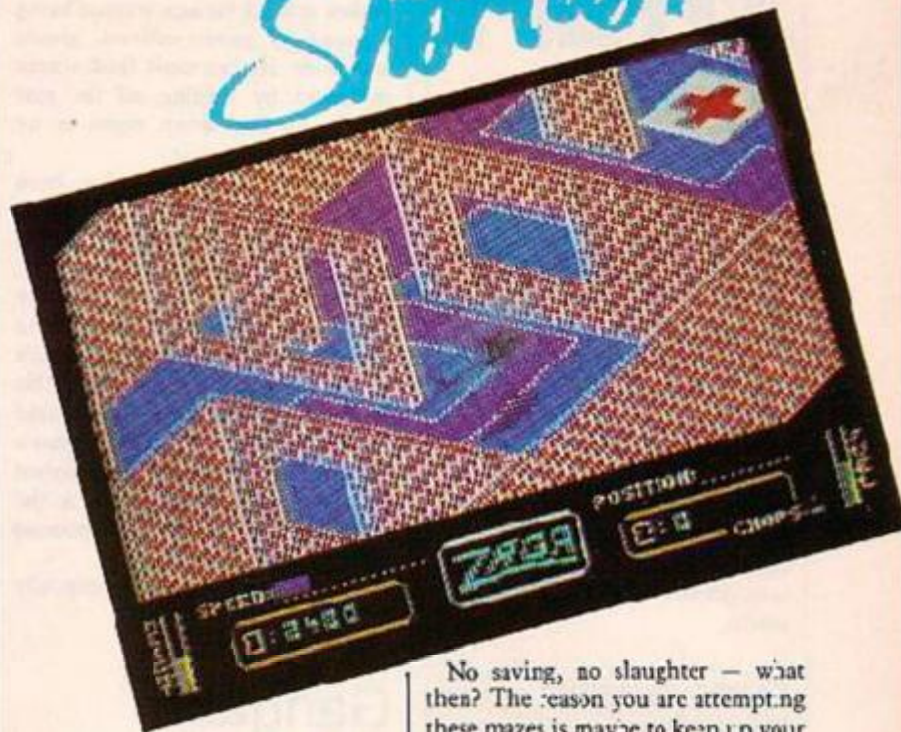
Zaga Mission, slicing two quid off your average Commodore cassette software price, hovers somewhere between the genre of Choplifter and Zaxxon, but owes more to the latter, the screen display being a three-quarter 3D scrolling view of a Bomb Alley cluttered with convoluted brickwalls guaranteed to wreck your cyclic pitch.

Main carps about this program? You can't fly backwards — unlike a real rotorcraft — and it's kind of slow: you'd expect the inhabitants of planet Zaga to come up with something a little more nifty. For those with a destructive bent there are no fuel dumps to torch; nor can you do your soul good by winching distraught matchstick figures out of hostile territory.

Plusses? Great sound — turn the volume up and put your ear defenders on. The graphics are great too, but it is sometimes hard to figure out exactly where you are in relation to obstacles — the 'copter casts a shadow on the ground though, and

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this helps a bit. The aerial manoeuvring faithfully reflects the tendency of early helicopters to swing or torque — so watch you don't bash your tail-rotor against a wall as you go round corners, or else it's DIK-DIK-DIK-KA-BOOM-SPLAT! (Technical term used by mature adult computer journalists while relaxing with a glass of Lucozade after picking over the finer points of a nice juicy piece of machine code.)

No saving, no slaughter — what then? The reason you are attempting these mazes is maybe to keep up your flight pay? No way, Jose — your goal is to reach the malfunctioning power plant that keeps planet Zaga safe from harmful cosmic bombardment. As a result of the fault, security doors are opening and closing erratically — another hazard. You can gas up after each maze — but the limitations of your operational range are a further handicap in your attempt to save your world. A helicopter of a game.

Paul Bond

Drive-in

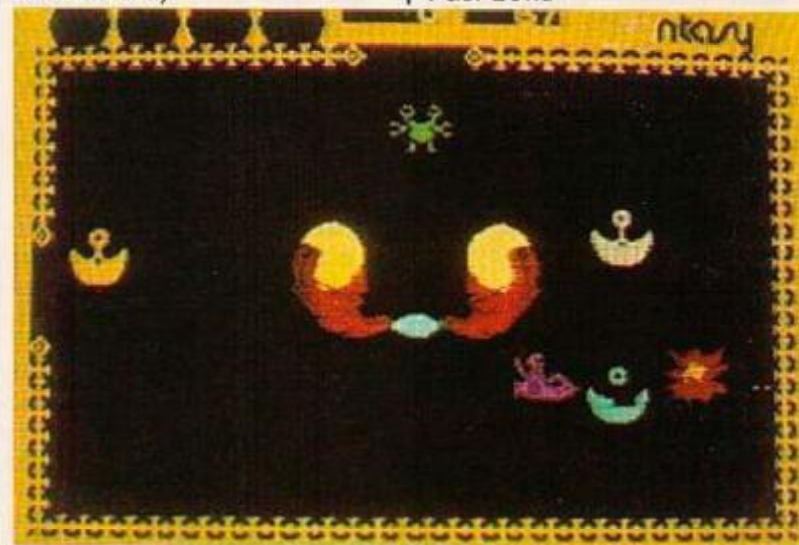
■ Spectrum
■ Fantasy
■ Arcade adventure
■ £5.50

★ ★
GOOD STOCK Fantasy stuff — 189 screens, 28 different aliens and various objects to be collected. If this software house were a movie star it would be Clint Eastwood — there is a strict unvarying formula to all their products which must presumably be popular with the user.

This is one of those games where you have to reassemble your spaceship by collecting all the various bits. A slight twist is added by the fact that the central character — the one doing all the zipping about and zapping is a superheroine called Dezzy. Beautiful she may be but a big space suit and only a few pixels make it hard to tell.

What happened to Ziggy, the customary star of Fantasy games? Well, Dezzy is on her way to help him. Lured into an abandoned drive in by the villain of the piece she has to piece together an old starship to escape. This must be assembled in the correct sequence inside room 189.

You can use a joystick or keyboard



to control the character and there is a keyboard redefining option. You use keys 1-4 to pick up and drop objects when Dezzy is directly over them.

You can also score by shooting the aliens, of course, but when the points score reaches 10,000 it resets to zero and the percentage completed of the game increases. You don't just collect objects — you can also trade them for other objects and some of the rooms have automatic garages, banks and time machines. These can all be used to assist you complete the game. It's a little bit like a poor man's Atic Atac, but for people who like compiling maps and puzzling over functions of gadgets, I'm sure it'll be a great hit.

Paul Bond

Monty is innocent

■ Spectrum 48K
■ Gremlin Graphics
■ Arcade adventure
■ £6.95

★ ★
GREMLIN Graphics' character Monty first came to prominence in Monty Mole — a game which trod on a few nerves with its references to the miners' strike — especially in view of the fact that the author was the son of a pit safety officer.

In an attempt to redress the balance, we find Monty has been

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Star★ chart

Automan

CBM-64
Eug-byte
Platform and maze
£9.50

★ ★ ★
One of a series of average games being boosted by a link with a TV series.

Below average quality graphics on the opening screen — a tedious platform game — dulled any enthusiasm aroused by the packaging. Quality of programs must improve, or home computers in the UK will go the way of the hula hoop.

Dam Buster

Oric-1/Atmos
IJK
Simulator
£8.50

★ ★ ★ ★
No micro can be considered complete without its very own flight simulator. This is the first program for the Oric/Atmos worthy of the name. While not up to the Spectrum/Commodore standards, it has all the usual features of maps, instruments and out-of-the-cockpit view.

The scenario is interesting, precision bombing, requiring tricky co-ordination of speed, height and position. Perhaps Oric/Atmos owners can look forward to further refinements of this. Aerobatics are out, and the landing process is rather abstract, instruments only.

Therbo

Spectrum 48K
Arcade
Shoot 'em up
£5.50

★ ★ ★
A sort of cross between rollerball and American football, Therbo consists of protecting a ball from the computer which is trying to knock it into touch.

You have a large armoury — for a ball game at least — of missiles, mesmos and thrustas to help you guice the therbo up the field, and frustrate the computer's efforts to do the same. Nice graphics with sideways scrolling, and a tricky game to master.

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reduced to stealing coal and has been imprisoned for this.

The aim of the game is for Monty to get the key from the prison governor's office and escape. He rushes around various screens being pursued by prison officers, ghosts and so on. He can move from screen to screen by rushing off the side sliding up and down ropes or by falling down holes.

Plenty of imagination has been used to create the backdrops — there are a couple of good 3D mazes and an ingenious sequence in a gymnasium. Money received from sales of Monty Mole was destined for donation to the Miner's Welfare Fund — though at the time of going to press, this body still had not made up its mind to accept the gift. The Miner's Welfare Fund is an established charity which existed prior to the strike. No such donations are planned this time.

A competent and graphically inventive game.
Paul Bond

Gandalf

■ CBM-64
■ Tynac
■ Shoot 'em up
■ £9.95

★ ★ ★
ONE WOULD have thought that a name like Gandalf would create a lot of copyright problems — upsetting the administrators of the Tolkien estate makes a visit from the Ringwraiths seem pleasurable by comparison.

Speculation apart, this is an ingenious game with very nice graphics. It has nothing whatsoever to do with the Lord of the Rings, apart from hijacking the old sorcerer's name.

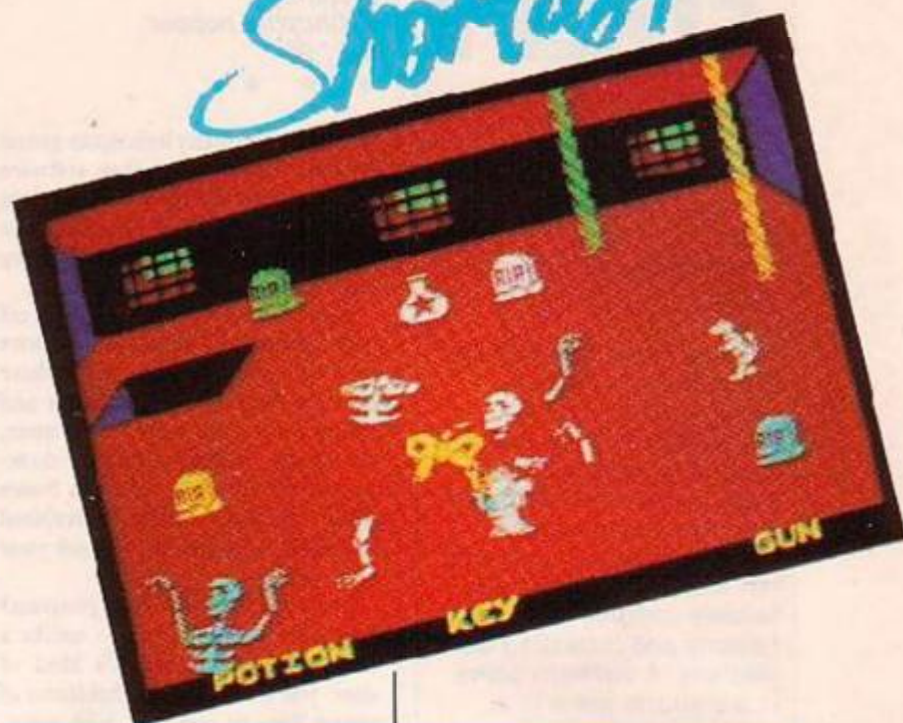
The screen display shows a castle wall with two turrets. In the distance large T. Rex-style saurians are wiffing through the tulle woods. These are in fact scaly-ailed lizard men keen to augment their schemes for financial investment by relieving you, Gandalf, of your treasure which is protected by the customary ancient spell, third party, fire and theft. In other words, it's wizards versus lizards.

The slimy reptiles intend to achieve their aim by abducting your apprentices and holding them for ransom. You can prevent this by directing lightning bolts down on the vile kidnappers. The joystick controls the movement of the wizard and the direction of his power. To direct the wizard's power you just move the cross-hairs around the screen and then press the firebutton. To move the wizard himself around you have to hold down the button and waggle the joystick. If your power drains you have to shift the necromancer up the shining tower sharpish and replenish his batteries from the shining star. There is a deadly spider knocking around behind the battlements and like most giant arachnids it leaves you feeling pretty sick if you bump into it.

Zapping the lizards turns them into gold coins. This is of crucial importance to the second screen since

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the waves of reptiles are so inexorable that sooner or later they are bound to get past the gate and make off with a member of your youth opportunities scheme.

Being a good employer you give chase, and set a power bolt trap in the path of the lizard man. When the trap destroys the lizard you can retrieve the apprentice by brushing against him and returning to the castle. Then you have to retrieve the trap. You can also collect the gold coins lying around. But as always — remember to watch out for the yellow ostrich — it will steal the coins. The best computer games always have a moral of some sort, and it's true that you won't go far wrong in life if you watch out for the yellow ostrich.

Paul Bond

Back Track

■ Dragon 32
■ Incentive Software
■ 3D Maze Game
■ £6.50

★ ★ ★
No, we haven't forgotten about the Dragon, but a lot of the software companies have.

This really does take the Dragon 32 to its limits. You are given an

overhead view of one of the rooms with Eddie in the middle.

It transpires that Eddie is held captive by the mad professor who is cruelly plumbng the innermost depths of the human psyche. As a worse torture than watching endless re-runs of the Paul Daniels show, the professor has designed a series of five labyrinthine tests of increasing complexity to see if Eddie's will to live can be broken — his will to live is shown as a barometer on the left of the screen. Objects are automatically picked up as Eddie enters a room and his willpower is boosted. Eddie has to reach the exit, finding keys in the correct order before he can get out.

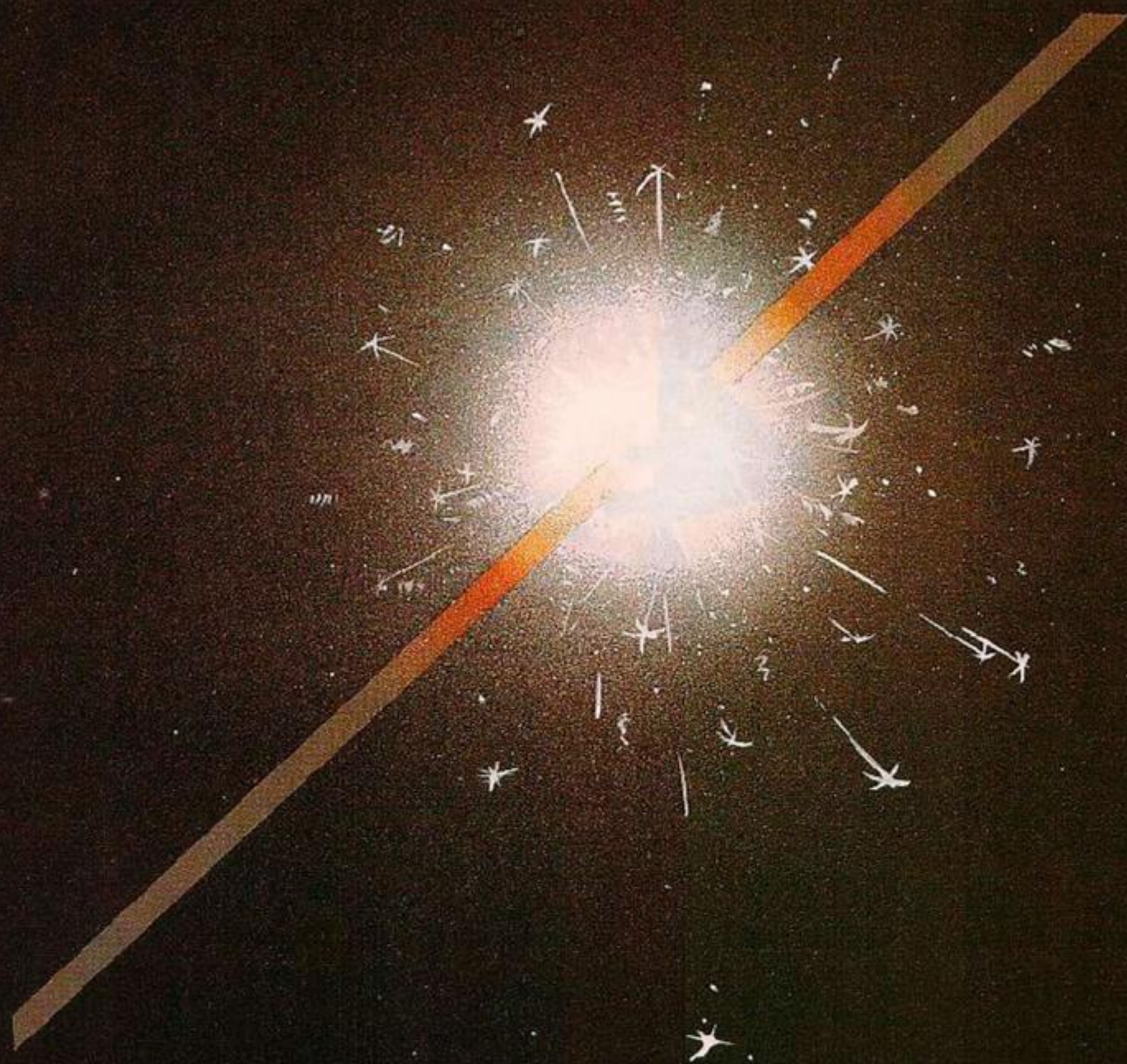
Pressing the M key displays a map — if Eddie has found it — and pressing any other key returns you to the main display.

Watch out for somewhat sleepy serpents and the prof's pet genetically-mutated rag, which objects to being walked on too much.

All in all, an enterprising effort by Chris Andrew and what a pity software companies didn't produce more of this kind of quality software before the Dragon had the rag pulled from under it.

Paul Bond

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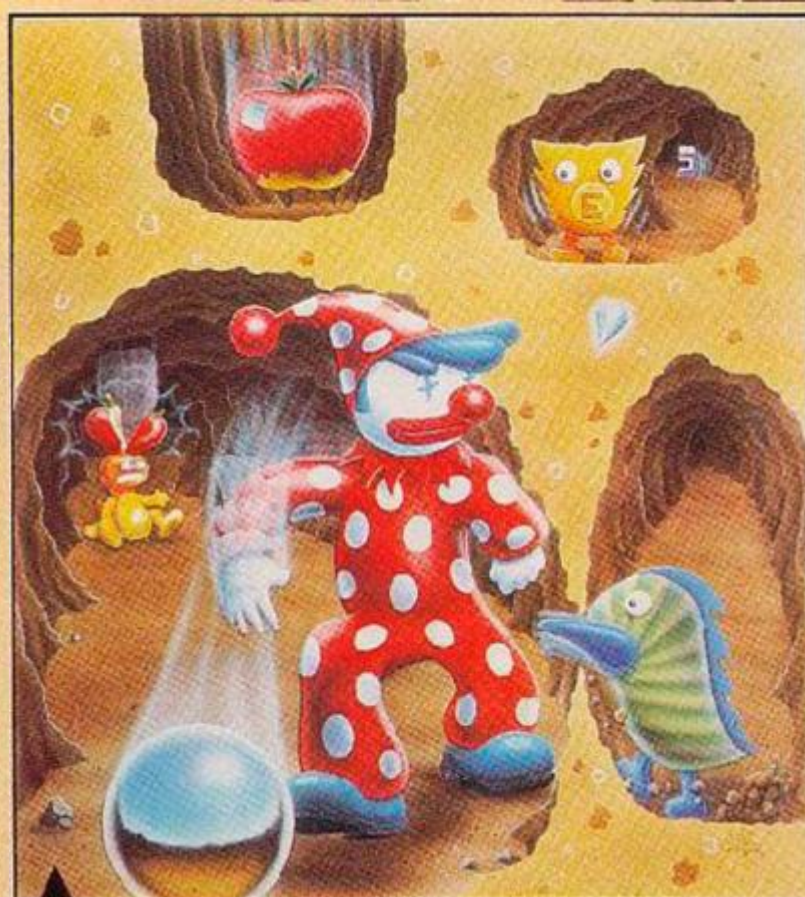


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The crystal ball

MSX micro owners — rejoice! Level 9 Computing have made all of their celebrated adventures available on cassette for your micro. Priced at £9.95 each, such superb games as Colossal Adventure, Adventure Quest, Dungeon Adventure, Lords Of Time, Snowball and Return to Eden can now be played on your new MSX. You can't call yourself an adventurer until you've experienced one of Level 9's programs. Worth buying an MSX for.

Father than use scruffy old pages torn out of a school rough book, you could do no better than invest £3.95 in a pad of 50 Adventure Planner sheets from Print N' Plotter Products. Each large sheet is high quality paper pre-printed with 150 inter-connecting location boxes.

The sheets are ideal for designing your own adventures or keeping an impressive permanent record of a completed game. Excellent value.

A helping hand

Adventure International's Sorcerer of Claymorgue Castle is obviously giving quite a few of you adventurers a lot to think about. Once again, Scott Adams' mischievous mind has caused the heavens to ring with pleas for help. Here's a morsel of assistance:

Can't get up to the loft in the ballroom?

LLEPS THGIL TSAC NEHT REILEDNAHC NELLAF NO DNATS

Nothing useful in the kitchen?

STENIBAC EHT NI KOOL A EVAH

Haven't met the dragon yet? NWOD HSUP DNA MOOR NIALP OT OG

Yours in castles and caverns.

HUGO NORTH

QUEST

Our man with the brass lamp and the key to a thousand mysteries sheds light on new adventure programs. Lost? Never fear, Hugo North is here.

King Arthur's Quest

48K Spectrum

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Hill MacGibbon

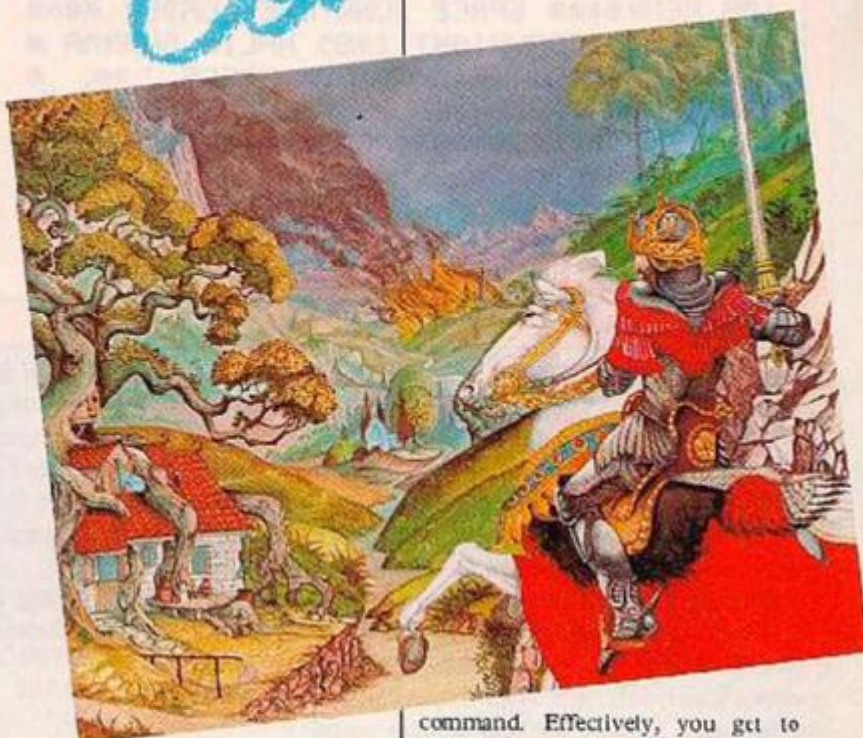
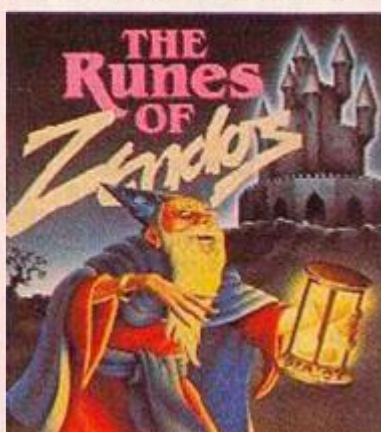
KING ARTHUR'S QUEST is a graphics and text adventure that takes you through Camelot, currently under Morgana's wintry spell.

The land is split into eight areas: Merlin's Tower — where you start, the wilderness, enchanted forest, keep, chapel, crypt, cavern and Morgana's Castle. Each area is based on a grid of 10 by 10 squares.

Every time you move, you progress one square and are presented with a forward view of the surrounding area. Permanently on view are Excalibur which slowly turns red as your life-force diminishes and a picture of every object in your possession.

The bottom of the screen is used as a scrolling text window, recording your commands and allowing Grymalkin the cat, your faithful companion, to furnish information on objects, incidents, etc.

Commands are given by single-key entries. You don't have to memorise them — a keyboard overlay is provided. There are only eight actions you can perform: turn left or right, move forward, take, leave or use an object, eat/drink and cast a spell. You can also repeat a description, cancel a command, save and restore a game.



Among the characters you'll encounter are a jester, griffin, and owl. Characters may help you — if you help them. The graphics are simple but effective and the text character-set has been designed to look like authentic manuscript. Some sound effects have been included. An enjoyable game of exploration and discovery for the younger adventurer.

Runes of Zandos

48K Spectrum

£7.95

Dorcas Software

ZANDOS is an animated graphics and text adventure with some similarities to its predecessor, Oracle's Cave. If you liked that, then chances are you will enjoy this one.

The screen is divided into two, the top half displaying a side-on view of part of a room which scrolls horizontally or vertically in response to your chosen movement. The lower half is used for textual commands and responses. Commands can range from the terse — I for go left — to the verbose — attack the guard with the mighty axe.

You are shown as a small white-clad figure whose mission it is to seek out and destroy the wicked wizard Zandos. He has separately imprisoned the spirit of each month — you must find and release all 12 spirits. Each section of the castle is split into several chambers.

Since each of the spirits is located in a different section, the program kindly lets you move instantaneously from section to section with a single

command. Effectively, you get to play 12 connected sub-adventures.

Apart from your own walkabouts, the animation mostly comes from simply stylised battles with many of the characters you meet. These characters, as in Oracle's Cave, are solidly presented and imaginatively designed. As well as fighting, cracking runic codes and casting spells are other major activities.

As an animated adventure, Zandos works out very well. If you want a change from text only adventures, this should fill the bill.

Project-X the micro man

48K Spectrum

£3.25

Compass Software

A NOVEL and enjoyable Quilled adventure. An accident has miniaturised you and the quest concerns your attempts to return to normal. You'll battle with a mole — but what, given your diminutive dimensions, will you use for weapons? Over 150 locations, 80 objects and original puzzles ensure good value for money.

The Legacy

48K Spectrum

£7.95

Tamsoft

ANOTHER QUILL-BASED adventure, your eccentric grandfather has died and named you as sole beneficiary. To claim your inheritance, you must first find the secret vault by following a treasure trail of clues left by grandpa. A non-violent, pleasantly stretching text adventure.

SPACE JUNK

Listing 1.

```

100 REM***** SPACE JUNK PRE-LOADER ****
110 REM** COPYRIGHT 1985 NALIN SHARMA *
120 REM** ALL RIGHTS FOR SPACE JUNK *
130 REM** RESERVED BY NALIN SHARMA *
140 REM*****
5000 FORX=0T035
5010 READA
5020 POKE49152+X,A
5030 NEXT
5040 SYS49152
5990 REM**M/C DATA TO LOAD MAIN FILE**
6000 DATA169,1,162
5010 DATA1:REM**CHANGE TO 8 FOR DISK**
6020 DATA160,1,32,186,255,169,10,162,26
6030 DATA160,192,32,189,255,169,0,32
6040 DATA213,255,76,0,64,83,80,65,67
6050 DATA69,32,74,85,78,75

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Nalin Sharma with the first part of a joystick-only game.

SPACE JUNK is a fast, all action, machine-code game for the Commodore 64. It features ultra-smooth movement of all graphics, including the line scrolling of the planet surface.

The basic idea of the game is to move your spaceship across the planet and retrieve 32 satellites which litter the skies. However, it is not very easy as there are four junkies patrolling the planet and touching them is fatal.

The game is 30K long so it is being published in three parts. To enter the program you will need to type in three listings — listing 3 being the first block of object code for Space Junk. It would be sensible to use three different cassettes — call them X, Y and Z. It is imperative that cassettes Y and Z are C30.

If you are working with disc, change the following:

Line 6010 in listing 1 as instructed.

Lines 2015 and 3015 as instructed, in listing 2.

If you do not feel up to typing the program in, then if you send me £3.25 — cheques/P.O.s payable to Nalin Sharma — together with your name and address I will be happy to send you a copy of Space Junk on a fast loader. Send to: Nalin Sharma, 35 Kitchener Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4LJ.

First of all, type in listing 1 and save it on cassette Z, but after saving it do not rewind the tape, as later the object code must follow it. Listing 1 is the pre-loader for Space Junk. So all it does is set up the kernel to load the object code file — once loaded it will be executed and the game will begin.

Now, before typing in listing 2, you must move the start of Basic upwards as follows:

```

POKE32768,0 (RETURN)
POKE44,128 (RETURN)
POKE43,1 (RETURN)
NEW (RETURN)

```

Now type in listing 2 and save it on cassette X. Listing 2 is the code-aid which will allow you to enter the object code. It is important that before loading or using listing 2, the start of Basic is moved as shown above.

Once you have checked listing 2 and you have saved it, you can begin to enter the object code — listing 3. So type Run and press Return and you should see a three-option menu, provided that listing 2 has been entered correctly. The menu is as follows:

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1 = ENTER CODE
2 = LOAD CODE
3 = SAVE CODE

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After pressing 1 you will be asked from which hex address you wish to start entering the code. This means that you don't have to enter all the code at once — you would be better off typing in only a few

hundred lines a day. So if you haven't entered any Space Junk code previously, type in: 0800 and press Return. Now the computer will print "0800?" and will await the entry of the line of code. You don't have to type in the hex address every time you enter a line.

When entering a line of code, type in the first 16 characters which represent eight bytes of code, then a space, and then the last three characters which represent a checksum of those eight bytes of code. Once you have typed in the line, press Return and provided that the line has been entered correctly, the computer will print "OK" and will go on to the next hex address automatically. If the line has not been entered correctly, the computer will print "TRY AGAIN" and you'll have to re-enter the line.

This system of checking the code as it is entered is very efficient, and it will vastly improve the chances of the program running first time. If at any time you wish to return to the menu, to save the code so you can return to it at a later date, instead of entering a line of code press "*" and then Return.

Option 2 allows you to load in previously saved code. Make sure that your disc/cassette is ready and then press "2". The code will now be loaded. Option 3 allows you to save the object code. Just make sure that your disc/

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Listing 3.

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0800: 0070C6F6B0E0C67C 546 08D0: FFFFFFFFC0FF00 699 09A0: 7EFFFFF9F9E7E77E 63A 0A80: 00F0C5C6F0C0C3C0 5C4
0808: 001870181818187E 16E 08D8: FF033F03F303FF00 339 09B0: 7EE7E7F9F5FFFF7E 63A 0A88: 0070C5C6C6D67206 426
0810: 0070C6C3C7C0C6FE 448 08E0: FF0333033333FF00 285 09B8: 7E7FE7C7CFFFFF7E 676 0A90: 00F0C5C6F0C0C0C6 5EE
0818: 0070C6C3C3C0C67C 200 08E8: FF0333033333FF00 29D 09C0: 7EFFFFF7E7FFFF7E 6C6 0A98: 0070C5C6C7C0C6C57C 306
0820: 00C6C6C67E0F0606 2E2 08F0: FF033F03F3F03FE0A 2CA 09C8: 7EFFFFF3E3E7FF7E 6B6 0AA0: 00FC303C30303030 21C
0828: 00F0C0C0F0C0C67C 4C2 08F8: FF033F03F3F03AAAA 2E6 09D0: 0000:18100181800 060 0AA8: 00C6C6C6C6C6C67C 520
0830: 0070C6C0F0C0C67C 506 0900: 0000000000000000 000 09D8: 001C30303030381C 138 0AB0: 00C6C6C6C6C67C38 432
0838: 00F0C6C0F0C0C67C 108 0908: FF03CFCFCF03FF00 4DD 09E0: 0070381818183870 198 0AB8: 00C6C6C6D6FEE0C6 53A
0840: 0070C6C67C0C6C7C 480 0910: FF3333333303FF00 2CD 09E8: 0000007E007E0000 0FC 0AC0: 00C6E57C387CEEC6 498
0848: 0070C6C67E0C6C7C 30E 0918: FFA333333333FF00 2CD 09F0: 0000000000000000 000 0AC8: 00C6C6C67E0C6C7C 418
0850: 00000000F0000000 0FE 0920: FF33330F3333FF00 2D9 09F8: 0000000000000000 000 0AD0: 00F0CE1C3870E5FE 474
0858: 000000FEFEFE0000 2FA 0928: FFEFEFECECEFF00 694 0A00: 7E03D0DFDFD0C37E 3F6 0AD8: FFEFEFECECEFF00 695
0860: 0000FEFEFEFEFE00 4F6 0930: FFEFEFEFAFEFF00 6A0 0A08: 0070C6C6FFC6C6C6 558 0AE0: FFAFFFAFEFAFF00 5F8
0868: 00FEFEFEFEFEFEFE 6F2 0938: FFEFEFEFAFEFF00 6AA 0A10: 00FC66667C6666FC 40C 0AE8: FFEFEFEFEFAFF00 6A4
0870: 0070C6C6C6F6C67C 51E 0940: FFAFFFAFEFAFF00 638 0A18: 0070C6C6C6C6C67C 4C4 0AF0: FFAFFFAFEFAFF00 638
0878: 0000C0F8FEF8C000 4EE 0948: 00020AFFFF000000 20A 0A20: 00FC6666666666FC 3F6 0AF8: 000000C0C0000000 180
0880: FFF0DF5DDDFD5DFF 79C 0950: 00HHHHHFFF000000 352 0A28: 007EC0C0F0C0C07E 4F8 0B00: 0000003030000000 060
0888: FF7F7F7F7F7F7F7F 4D0 0958: 0080A0FF00000000 31E 0A30: 007EC0C0F0C0C0C0 53A 0B08: 00000000C0000000 018
0890: FFF5DFFF5DFF5DFF 770 0960: FFFFFFFFFFAAAA 74E 0A38: 0070C6C6DEC6C67C 4E8 0B10: 0000000000000000 000
0898: FF5FF7F75FF57F7F 600 0968: FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF 7F8 0A40: 00C6C6C6F6C6C6C6 5H2 0B18: 000000000000FFFF 1FE
08A0: 000000FFFF000000 1FE 0970: 0000000000001818 030 0A48: 00FC3030303030FC 2E8 0B20: 00000000FFFA0000 1FE
08A8: 3C3C3CFFFF000000 2B2 0978: 7E9999FF9999997E 55E 0A50: 00C6C6C6C6C6C6C6 5A8 0B28: 0000FFFA00000000 1FE
08B0: 3C3C3C3C3C3C3C3C 1E0 0980: 7E9999FF9999997E 532 0A58: 00C6C6C6C6C6C6C6 5A8 0B30: FFAFFFAFEFAFF00 638
08B8: FFEFEFEFEFEFF00 7A0 0988: 7EE7E79999E7E77E 5CA 0A60: 00C0C0C0C0C0E07E 51E 0B38: 00C6E5FEFE7C381C 42A
08C0: FFEFEFEFEFEFF00 665 0990: 7ECFC9F9F93F37E 5B2 0A68: 00C6E5FEFE7C381C 42A 0B40: 7ECF8099991F37E 52E
08C8: FFAFFFAFEFAFF00 5F9 0998: 7EE7E79F9FF7F7E 606 0A70: 00C6E5FEFE7C381C 42A 0B48: 7ECF8099991F37E 52E
09A0: 7EFFFFF9F9E7E77E 606 0A78: 0070C6C6C6C6C67C 4D6 0B50: 7ECF8099991F37E 52E

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Listing 2.

```

2210 POKE780,1:POKE782,1
2215 POKE781,1:REM***CHANGE TO [ POKE 781,0 ] FOR DISK**
2220 GOTO556566
2230 POKE780,13:POKE781,0:POKE782,192
2240 SYS556469
2250 POKE780,0:POKE781,0:POKE782,0
2260 SYS556493
2270 RETURN
3000 REM***SAVE CODE***
3005 PRINT"XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"
3010 POKE780,1:POKE782,1
3015 POKE781,1:REM***CHANGE TO [ POKE 781,0 ] FOR DISK**
3020 GOTO556566
3030 POKE780,13:POKE781,0:POKE782,192
3040 SYS556469
3050 POKE251,0:POKE252,0:POKE780,251
3060 POKE781,220:POKE782,123
3070 SYS55426
3080 RETURN
2290 REM***PUT DOWN FILE NAME IN MEM***
4000 NEW"SPACE JUNK"
4010 FORN=1TOLEN(NEW)
4020 POKE4096+1017*N,ASC(CHR$(CHR$(N,1)))
4030 NEXT
4040 RETURN

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| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|-----|-------|-------------------|-----|-------|-------------------|-----|-------|------------------|-----|
| 0058: | 7E03E1F95F87C37E | 582 | 0C30: | FF83393F03393983 | 2F2 | 0D08: | 0202010101010103 | 00C | 0DE0: | C0F03C3CF0F03C3C | 480 |
| 0060: | 7EF3B1995980CF7E | 52E | 0C38: | FF01F9F3E7CFCFCF | 640 | 0D10: | 0A05050505050503 | 300 | 0DE8: | 0F3FF0F0FFFF0F0F | 60C |
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| 0088: | 0000000000000000 | 000 | 0C60: | 0A00005050150500 | 0C4 | 0D38: | 050505050504000 | 270 | 0E10: | FF03999983999900 | 3EC |
| 0090: | 0000000000000000 | 000 | 0C68: | 0A28141414504000 | 19C | 0D40: | F2F0F0F0F0A0A0A0 | 690 | 0E18: | FF83393F3F3F3983 | 334 |
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| 00A0: | 0000000000000000 | 000 | 0C78: | F0FC3C3C3C28A0A0 | 410 | 0D50: | 0A05050505555500 | 29A | 0E28: | FF813F3F033F3F81 | 300 |
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| 00B0: | 1010101010101010 | 080 | 0C88: | 0F3FF0F0F0A0A0A0 | 512 | 0D60: | F2F0F0F0FC0A0AAA | 6C6 | 0E38: | FF83393F21393983 | 310 |
| 00B8: | 000000FF00000000 | 0FF | 0C90: | C0F03C3C3C28A8A8 | 3D0 | 0D68: | 3C3C3C3C3C2828A8 | 224 | 0E40: | FF39393901393939 | 256 |
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| 00C8: | 0000001F10101010 | 05F | 0CA0: | 2828141414141400 | 384 | 0D78: | 0A08545414141400 | 234 | 0E50: | FF81E7E7E727278F | 512 |
| 00D0: | 101010F000000000 | 120 | 0CA8: | 0F3FF0F0F0A0A0A0 | 4FE | 0D80: | F2F0F0F0F0A2A0AA | 6A6 | 0E58: | FF393F3F0F333939 | 250 |
| 00D8: | 1010101F00000000 | 04F | 0CB0: | C0F03C3C00000000 | 22E | 0D88: | 3C3C3C3C3C78A0800 | 288 | 0E60: | FF3F3F3F3F3F1F81 | 210 |
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| 00F0: | FF818181818181FF | 504 | 0CC8: | 3FFFF0F0F0A0A0AA | 502 | 0DA0: | 0F3FF0F0FFFFF0F0 | 60C | 0E78: | FF83393939393983 | 322 |
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| 0008: | FFE787E7E7E7E781 | 688 | 0CE0: | 0000000003450000 | 0A4 | 0DB8: | F0F0F0F0F0F03F0F | 5EE | 0E90: | FF03393903273339 | 20A |
| 0010: | FF8339F9833F3901 | 380 | 0CE8: | 0F3F3F0F0F0000000 | 09C | 0DC0: | 000000000000FFFF | 1FE | 0E98: | FF83393F83F93983 | 432 |
| 0018: | FF8339F9C3F93983 | 52C | 0CF0: | FFFFFFFFF03020702 | 40A | 0DC8: | 3C3C3C3C3C3C0F00 | 318 | 0EA0: | FF03CFCFCFCFCFCF | 50C |
| 0020: | FF39393981F9F9F9 | 516 | 0CF8: | FFFFFFFFF0A0A0A0 | 5CC | 0DD0: | FFFF0F0FFFFF0F0F | 7BC | 0EA8: | FF39393939393983 | 2D8 |
| 0028: | FF013F3F03F3983 | 336 | 0D00: | F0FC3C3C00000000 | 3D8 | 0DD8: | FFFF0000FFFF0000 | 3FC | | | |

(listing 3 continued on next page)

cassette is ready and then press "3". The code will now be saved.

Use cassette Y to save the object code until you have finished typing all of it in. Then you can save it after listing 1 on cassette Z. This should then give you a complete copy of Space

Junk. It can now be loaded in the normal Shift and Run/Stop way, and hopefully it should load and run perfectly. ■

See next month's issue for the second part of *Space Junk*.

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|-------|-------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|-----|
| 13F0: | 0000000000000000 | 000 | 1698: | FF1FFFFF8FF1FFFF | 630 |
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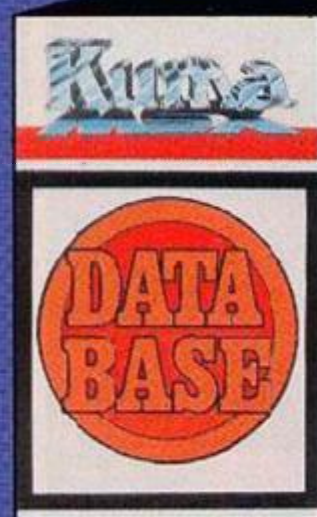
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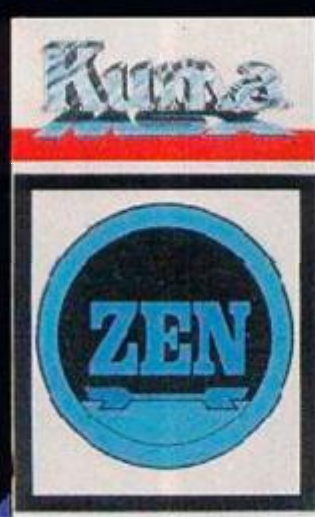
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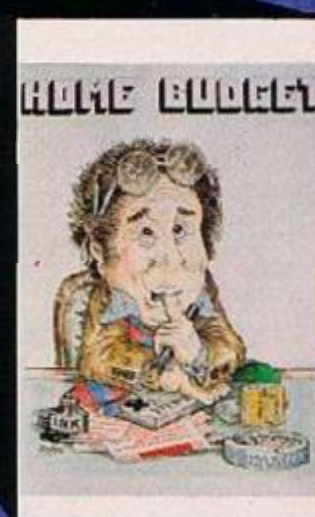
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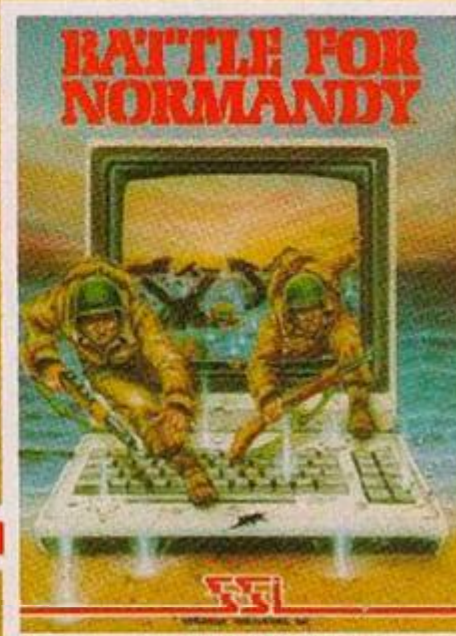
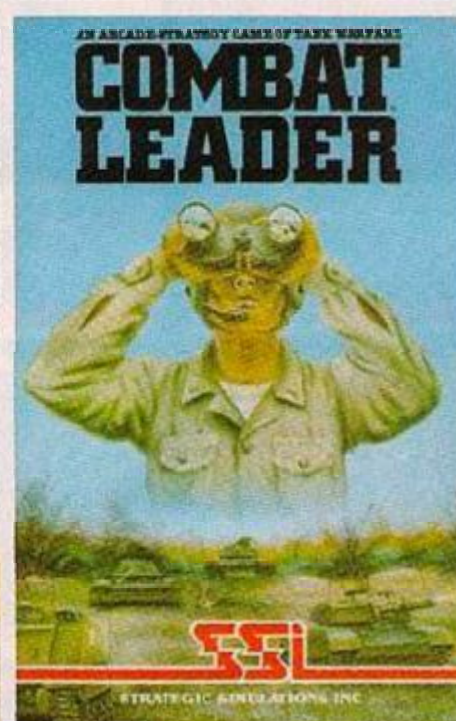
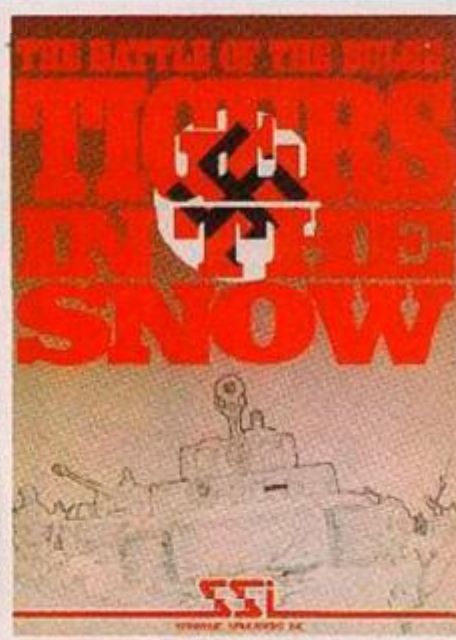
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FOLLOWING IN THE footsteps of the micro revolution another branch of high technology is preparing to invade the home — personal robots.

There are growing numbers of people on both sides of the Atlantic who believe that a BBC E should never be seen without its Buggy or, Beasty arm, that the best use for an Apple IIc is to control Topo or that a ZX-81 is useless without a Hebot II.

It is often said that the personal robot market is at the same stage as the personal computer market was six years ago. It would be a mistake, however, to assume that it will follow the same growth path.

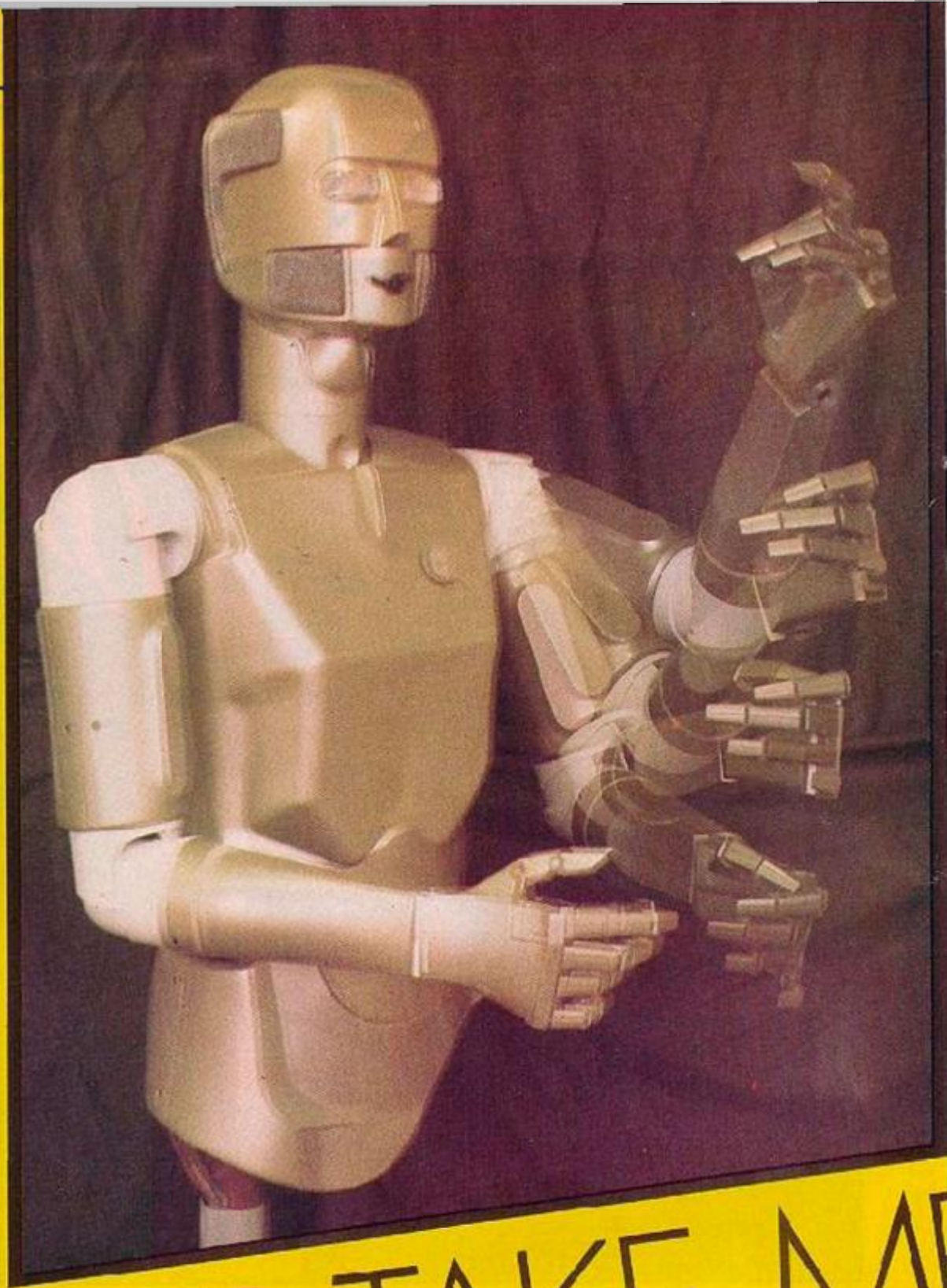
Computers are a relatively recent development and people have had little time to get fixed ideas about how they should look and of what they should be capable. Robots have existed in people's imaginations for centuries as humanoids who can do all these menial tasks we would rather not do. Anything that does not meet those requirements is seen as a failure.

Two American companies tried to meet the specifications halfway. Androbot built Topo which was imported into Britain for a short time by Prism Microproducts, costing £1,549.95, and RB Robots built the RB5X.

Both were capable of movement and speech and the RB5X was able to detect obstacles and avoid them. Both companies have had to apply for the American version of receivership.

The experience has not deterred them though. Both are still trading and Androbot has released another robot and another more complex version of Topo is due soon.

And one American company has been quite successful. Heathkit makes Hero 1 and Hero Jr and both are sold in Britain, in kit form by



ROBOTS TAKE ME

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Heathkit followed a different course to the others by emphasising the educational aspects of Hero rather than the fun robot image of the others. Costing about £1,600 in kit and £2,500 ready-built, Hero provides a single arm and single wheel driving system and the ability to control these in response to its five senses.

Hero Jr was launched towards the end of last year. It is being sold as a companion robot which can speak, sing, recite poetry and guard the house. All this comes for a price of £1,100.

While America was following the highly expensive persona robot route British developers saw a different way — one that has proved more successful and given us a world lead.

Robots as computer peripherals can add a further dimension to computer-based education. Instead of writing a program and only seeing the results displayed on the screen it is possible now to see the physical effects by way of an arm or turtle.

Courses on robotics

Arms come in a variety of forms and complexities. As a good guide it is usually the case that you get what you pay for, but it is possible to get some quite sophisticated equipment at a relatively low price.

The Beasty Arm from Commotion costs only £39.95 for which you get three axes of movement and a hook for picking up things. At the other end of the personal robot scale about £3,200 will buy the Open University Robot made by Tec-Quipment.

It is being used by the Open University as

the basis for two courses in robotics and had to meet an exacting specification. It has six axes, a gripper, can lift 1kg and is said to be accurate to 3mm. In between there are a growing number and variety of arms.

Although the uses to which arms can be put are the same, there are different ways in which the same effect can be achieved. The more axes an arm has the more complicated movements it can perform.

The Beasty Arm can only rotate its base and move the two sections of the arm up and down. The TecQuipment MA2000 can also do that as well as having a wrist on the gripper which can rotate, pitch and yaw.

Five axes are more usual, however, with the wrist only having the ability to rotate and move up and down — examples are the Armdroid from Colne Robotics, the Genesis series from Powertran Cybernetics and the Atlas from LJ Electronics.

There are almost 20 arms on the market in Britain, the majority of which are British

"Do the washing up, hit the kids, strangle the cat" — that's the sort of robot promised by most of the automaton manufacturers riding on the back of the micro boom according to Jon Barron of McAndroids.

When he isn't making parts for old Harley Davidsons or inventing special effects for film and TV like a ten foot treadmill for a Bronski Beat video, Jon builds androids like the one on the left. Together with sculptors Alan Dun and Richard Glassborow and an electronics engineer, Jon's been in the McAndroids business for a year.

The first McAndroid is 5ft 7in tall because "a very big figure is threatening" and the McAs are trying to make robots friendly. The androids are built out of glass fibre and chromed epoxy resin joints, powered by model aircraft servo motors connected to a new patented valve design, and controlled by a Zilog controller board.

The McAndroids are way beyond the price bracket of even expensive robots like the Heros but the ideas that the team are working on now could be used for cheap units which would plug into a home computer. At times Alan is amazed at how slow the outside world has been in catching up with developments in robotics — Yellow Pages still refuses to open up a category for robots "it took them seven years to get round to videos".

developments.

Movement is usually provided by stepper motors or servos and can be controlled by a variety of micros with the BBC B being the most popular.

The area in which they tend to differ is in the drive mechanisms. Most use a transmission system to take the power from the motor to the joint with varying degrees of sophistication. The Armadroid, costing about £500, uses non-stretch nylon cords, the Atlas, at £1,950, has a toothed belt and the latest machine from Cybernetics Applications, Neptune, £1,250, uses hydraulics. Pneumatic systems are being assessed by other companies.

Accuracy and cost are the two factors to be taken into account when deciding on the transmission system. Hydraulic and pneumatic systems are usually more accurate than cord or belt systems but they are also more expensive. LJ Electronics however has achieved a high degree of accuracy with the belts on its Atlas.

All the manufacturers see education as their major market with small, light industrial uses coming second and home sales a poor third. This is probably due to the lack of software. What is available is usually concerned with putting the arms through their paces and simulating the larger arms to be found on the production lines.

Cyber Robotics has launched a package which illustrates that. Most of the programs for the Cyber 310 simulated other types of arm, although it did contain a program which solved the Towers of Hanoi puzzle.

It is a market which is profitable for many small companies and there is a growing number of them seeking to enter.

Whereas arms are mainly used as smaller versions of industrial equipment, turtles were developed to expand children's ability to learn. They are based on the theories of Seymour Papert, who wrote Logo as a high level educational language. One of its capabilities was to allow children, using simple commands, to control a character on the screen known as a turtle.

From that were developed peripherals called turtles which were mobile devices with a pen attached which could draw designs under the control of the computer. They were similar to plotters but with far greater freedom of movement.

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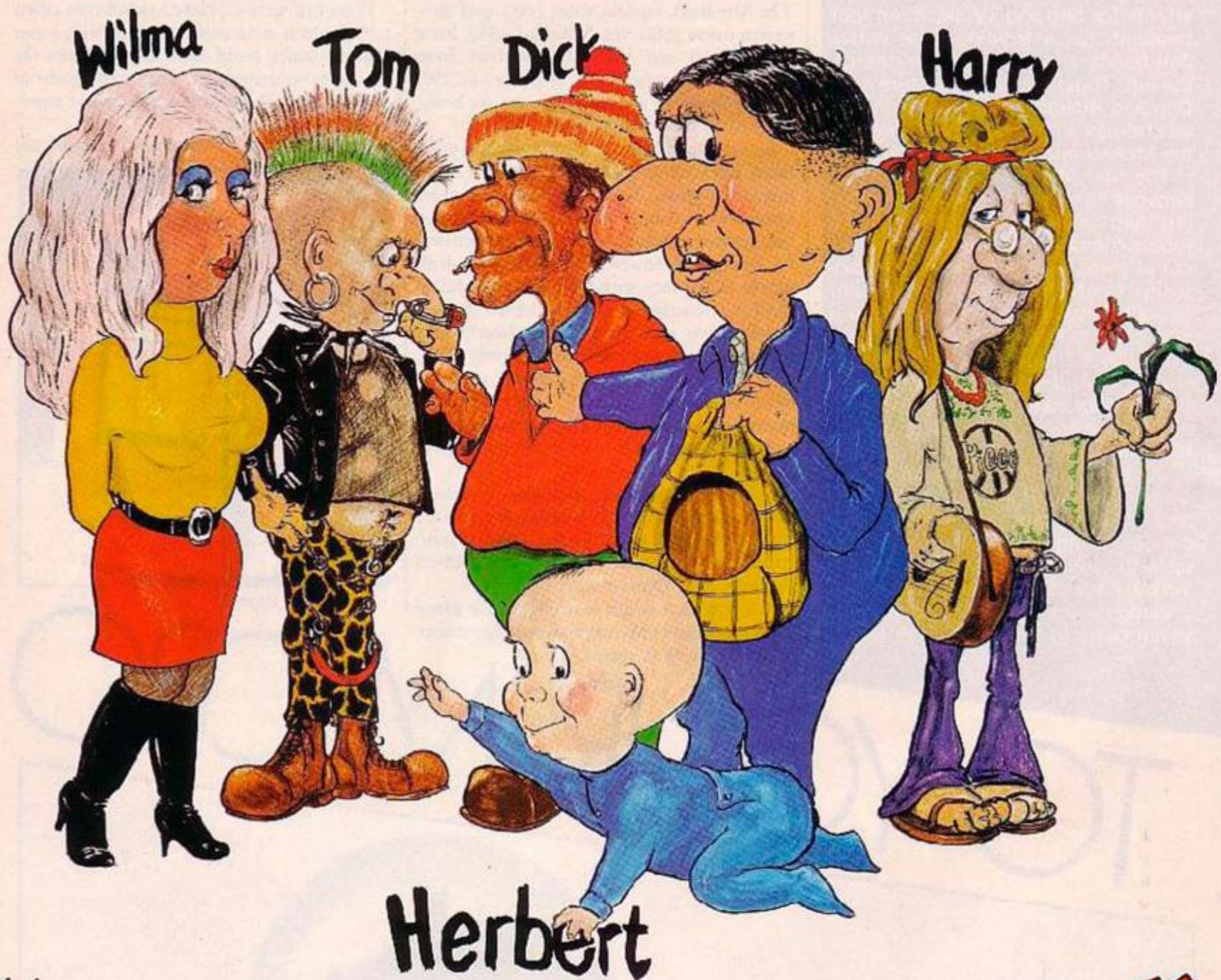
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There are four British turtles on the market with the addition of the Penman plotter which is designed similar to a turtle and can be used as one.

The most traditional is the Jessop or Edinburgh turtle. Looking like an upturned mixing bowl with two drive wheels and a pen holder inside it closely resembles the original design. It can be controlled from most of the popular micros via an umbilical cord.

Hebot II from Powertran is a similar design but only available in kit. The most famous at the moment is probably the BBC Buggy due to its appearances on television in the series *Making the Most of the Micro*. Like Hebot it is less to do with the encouraging of different forms of education than with teaching people about computer control and robotic sensing.

Valiant Designs has gone for the same Papert route as the Jessop and the company's Valiant can be controlled by the various dialects of Logo which are available for the usual micros. It is the only one which has been designed to look like a turtle although it has the same basic two-wheel drive and retractable pen holder of the others.

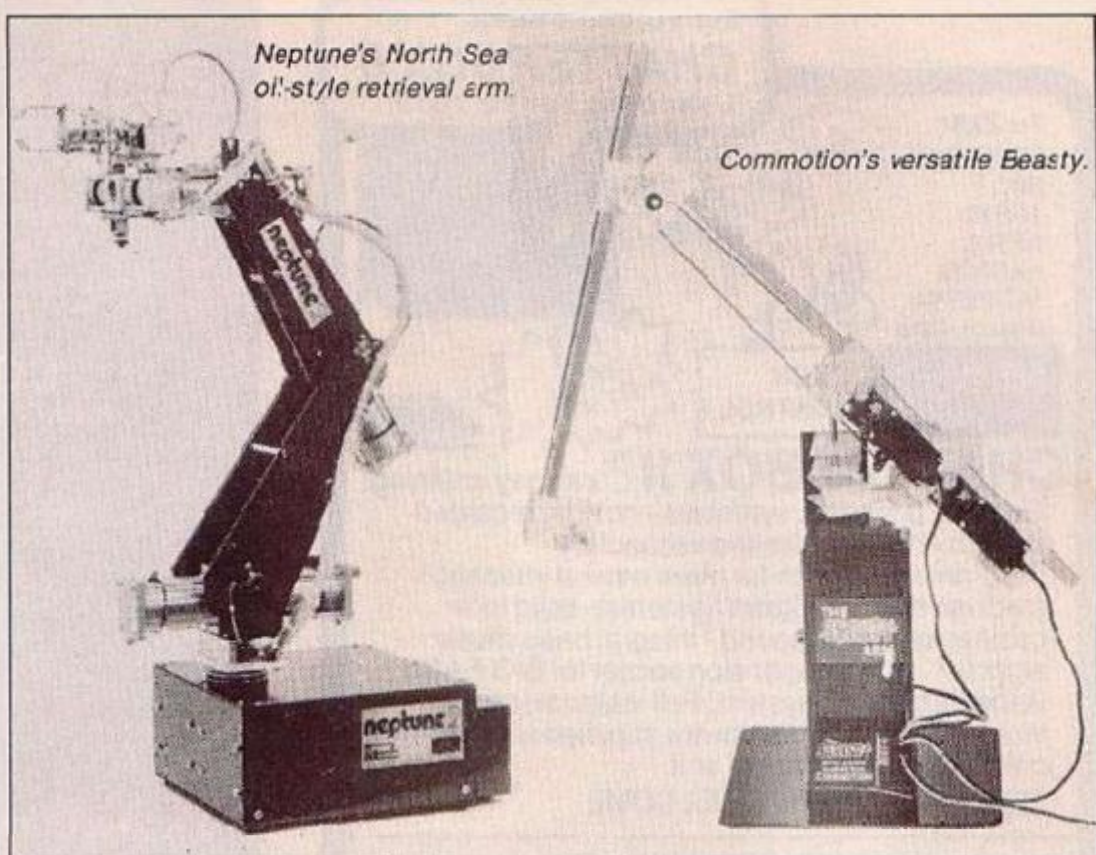
Little applications software

It is expected that these will be joined by other versions later this year. The Zeaker, which worked with a ZX-81 and was sold by Colne Robotics, is being redesigned by IGR and should be on sale soon. From the United States there is news that Androbot has finally got Fred into production and looking at the possibility of sending some to Britain.

In common with the arms there is little applications software available for the turtles. One of the exciting prospects for 1985 is the launch of Trekker and a suite of 30 programs. It has been developed by a secondary school in North Wales and is being produced in conjunction with the ITV program, *The Micro at Work*. The software covers a whole range of applications in maths and robotics.

One area that has not as yet concerned British manufacturers is toys. That has been left to the Japanese and Americans. They have not produced anything which is very complicated but they are cheap and have some approximation to robots.

One of the first was the Big Trak from Milton Bradley. It is a large tank-like vehicle which has a keypad on its top which is used to give directions and costs £30. A similar product



was launched last year. It is called George the Computobot and costs just under £25.

Tomy Toys aimed for the Christmas market with the launch of three new robots in November. They have been producing a toy arm, the Armatron for some time and now have the Dingbot at £5.99, the Verbot at £39.95 and the Omnibot at £49.95.

The success of last year though was probably the Movits. Imported from Japan they ranged in price from £9.99 to £34.99. The most expensive was a simple turtle which could be programmed using a small controller. There are now interfaces available which allow it to be connected to a Spectrum. A further robot, the Wizard, has recently been added to the range.

There is undoubtedly a great deal of interest in robots. They can be guaranteed to attract a crowd wherever they go and a number of companies use them in promotional work. They are only radio-controlled models but they fit people's views of what robots should look like, views which have been conditioned by fiction such as *Star Wars* or the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

Those views are being further developed by people such as Jim Whiting whose wonderful mobile sculptures, controlled by a Spectrum, never fail to astonish large numbers of people.

Reality is more mundane. The arms, turtles and toys represent the limits of what can be achieved in personal robots at the moment. While they perform a useful function, particularly in education, they fall far short of the expectations of the general public.

There are problems in meeting these expectations which are concerned with information gathering and processing. Walking across a room avoiding obstacles such as tables and chairs is beyond the capabilities of any robot which could be produced at a cost which would make it attractive for use in the home.

The robot needs to have senses such as touch or sight to locate the obstacles and then intelligence to react in such a way that it makes progress across the room. A fairly simple device could avoid the obstacles but would react like a pinball machine without any guarantee that it would reach its goal.

The Robot competition

To help it decide which way to move it would need to store in memory the overall direction in which it should be going and detailed description of all the obstacles it may meet on the way. For example, if it came across the settee it would need to know where it had hit the settee by comparing the information it could gather with that in its memory so it would know to alter course to ensure getting round the settee in the simplest way. Anything more complex and a huge memory would be needed with some form of artificial intelligence to sort through it.

There is no lack of enthusiasm for tackling these difficulties. John Billingsley of Portsmouth Polytechnic, who began the micro-mouse contests, has now launched a new problem — the Robot competition. The aim is to create a machine which can play a form of robot table tennis.

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A FRIEND OF MINE had an Oric program in the September issue of *Your Computer*. I have invented a similar game for the ZX-81 16K. You move Matt on platforms and try to jump up to the top of the screen but watch out for the monsters. If you are on the second platform and fall down to the first platform you will die. You score 10 points every time you jump and, if you reach the top, 500 points in bonus.

Now, to enter the program, first set Ramtop to 26368 by typing:

POKE 16389,103 N/L
NEW N/L

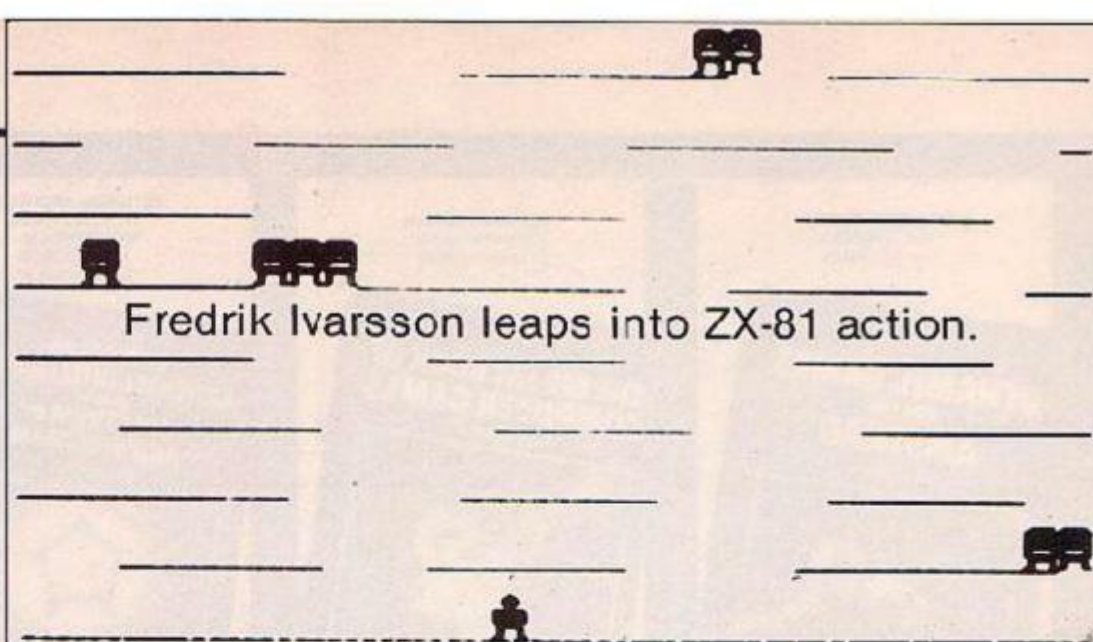
Now make a 946 bytes long Rem statement by making line 1 to 10 89 characters. Then Poke as direct commands:

POKE 16514,118
POKE 16515,118
POKE 16511,178
POKE 16512,3
POKE 16510,0

You will now have an empty Rem statement. Now enter the hexloader in listing 1. If you don't want to see line 0 every time you enter a line you can type:

LIST 1
POKE 16419,1

Run the hexloader and type in all the machine code in listing 2. When that is ready, delete the hexloader and enter the Basic program in listing 3. When you have done that save the program by typing: GOTO 450



MAD JUMP

Listing 1.

```
5 REM HEXLOADER
10 PRINT "START ADDRESS"
20 INPUT S
30 PRINT "FINISH ADDRESS"
40 INPUT F
50 FOR N=S TO F STEP 8
60 LET T=0
70 PRINT N: " "
80 INPUT A$
90 PRINT A$ " "
100 INPUT TOT
110 PRINT TOT
115 IF PEEK 16422=2 THEN SCROLL
120 LET Z=0
130 FOR K=1 TO LEN A$ STEP 2
140 LET C=(CODE A$(K)-28)*16+CODE A$(K+1)-28
150 LET T=T+C
160 POKE N+Z,C
170 LET Z=Z+1
180 NEXT K
190 IF TOT=T THEN GOTO 220
200 PRINT "ERROR - PLEASE INPUT AGAIN"
205 IF PEEK 16442=2 THEN SCROLL
210 GOTO 60
220 NEXT N
```

Listing 2.

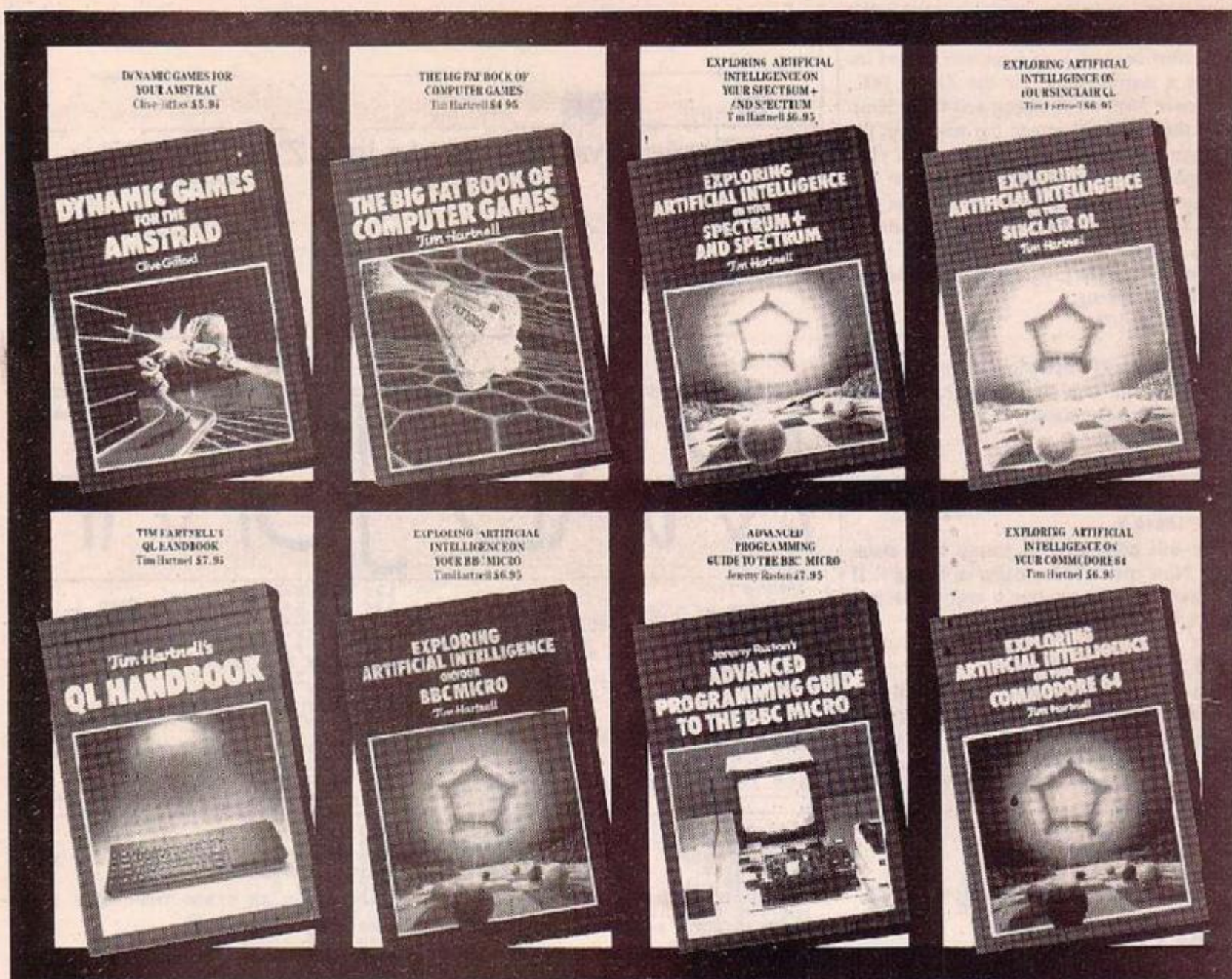
```
20 LET HI=100
30 LET A$="ZX81"
40 CLS
50 LET L=5
10 PRINT TAB 10;"MADJUMP II"
20 PRINT AT 21,0;"MADE BY FREDRIK IVARSSON"
25 GOSUB 300
30 PRINT AT 2,0;"Z TO V : MOVE LEFT"
40 PRINT "S TO F : MOVE RIGHT"
50 PRINT "H TO N : JUMP"
60 PRINT
70 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO START THE GAME"
80 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 80
85 CLS
90 RAND USR 17383
100 PRINT TAB 10;"MADJUMP II"
102 PRINT AT 21,0;"MADE BY FREDRIK IVARSSON"
103 PRINT AT 1,0:
110 PRINT
115 IF L=1 THEN GOTO 210
120 PRINT "LIVES "L-1
```

```
125 PRINT
130 PRINT "SCORE:" PEEK 16528+2
55+PEEK 16529
140 PRINT
160 LET L=L-1
170 PRINT "PRESS A KEY TO CONTINUE THE GAME"
180 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 180
185 CLS
190 RAND USR 17390
200 GOTO 180
210 PRINT "ALL LIVES LOST"
220 PRINT
230 PRINT "YOU SCORED:" PEEK 16528+256+PEEK 16529
240 PRINT
250 GOSUB 370
251 PRINT A$;" HAVE THE HI-SCORE?"
252 PRINT
255 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO PLAY AGAIN?"
260 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 260
270 IF INKEY$="Y" THEN GOTO 4
280 IF INKEY$<>"N" THEN GOTO 26
0
```

```
290 CLS
295 STOP
320 PRINT AT 2,2;"INPUT SPEED 1 (FAST)-100 (SLOW)"
330 INPUT S
340 IF S<1 OR S>100 THEN GOTO 330
350 POKE 17307,S
352 POKE 17254,200-S
354 POKE 17165,200/S
355 PRINT AT 2,0:
360 RETURN
370 IF PEEK 16528+256+PEEK 16529<HI THEN RETURN
380 PRINT "GOOD, A NEW HI-SCORE!"
390 LET HI=PEEK 16528+256+PEEK 16529
395 PRINT
400 PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?"
410 INPUT A$
420 IF LEN A$>10 THEN GOTO 410
430 PRINT AT 8,0:
440 RETURN
450 SAVE "MADJUMP II"
460 RUN
```

Listing 3.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------------|---|------|--------|------------------|---|------|--------|------------------|---|------|
| 16514: | 7E76000202040101 | = | 245 | 16818: | 7469118440061F7C | = | 597 | 17130: | 0009C110F5018801 | = | 604 |
| 16522: | 0E0401C77A4A1400 | = | 425 | 16826: | 2B77232310F9281F | = | 566 | 17138: | 37ED421D1C9C511 | = | 1175 |
| 16530: | 3E01328F40210000 | = | 353 | 16834: | FE0028043D121824 | = | 437 | 17146: | 2100060C36141918 | = | 166 |
| 16538: | 229040006E43C004 | = | 9C1 | 16842: | 7EFE1428073E0232 | = | 561 | 17154: | FB11882137ED52C1 | = | 975 |
| 16546: | 43210B7D06203694 | = | 476 | 16850: | E14110000C0532E1 | = | 661 | 17162: | C9006C878ED47C5 | = | 1032 |
| 16554: | 2310FB0520C5C0AD | = | 915 | 16858: | 413A3440E502C602 | = | 671 | 17170: | 0DB843D110F60000 | = | 911 |
| 16562: | 41C10520F821807B | = | 840 | 16866: | 127EFE1428043614 | = | 536 | 17178: | 000000000000C03F | = | 348 |
| 16570: | 22804000AB42FE0A | = | 940 | 16874: | 180236940172023F | = | 403 | 17186: | 43C9003021DFE611 | = | 771 |
| 16578: | C8CDA041C3D143CD | = | 1319 | 16882: | 0040FC0120030174 | = | 611 | 17194: | 2100F32FE0605010 | = | 572 |
| 16586: | FE432A8D40118C01 | = | 725 | 16890: | 0209137BF80C83FA | = | 805 | 17202: | FE0BC0D78D3FF19 | = | 1300 |
| 16594: | 1E7EFE142A8D4020 | = | 725 | 16898: | 6C401F3F17328C42 | = | 575 | 17210: | 0D4E4325C23543C0 | = | 874 |
| 16602: | 0CFC1F0300000C0C | = | 080 | 16906: | FE00C8741061F7E | = | 867 | 17218: | 9202C03002D02128 | = | 679 |
| 16610: | 41CDB8430000002A | = | 563 | 16914: | 20772B2B10F923C3 | = | 735 | 17226: | 43C3A422E9C90000 | = | 862 |
| 16618: | 0C403A2540FEBF28 | = | 849 | 16922: | C1410000000000AF | = | 433 | 17234: | 3A8F403D322F40FE | = | 897 |
| 16626: | 0FFE7F285AFEFE28 | = | 1069 | 16930: | 328C40210C790620 | = | 456 | 17242: | FFC021E767CDD742 | = | 1300 |
| 16634: | 0E18C10DF84211C5 | = | 1035 | 16938: | 7EFE0A28052310F6 | = | 734 | 17250: | 3A344036C7328F40 | = | 860 |
| 16642: | 0E37ED52CDAB42E5 | = | 1045 | 16946: | 1020CD7542267E23 | = | 787 | 17258: | C9000002100570E | = | 351 |
| 16650: | CCAD41C02142E1C0 | = | 1177 | 16954: | FEC9280C00000000 | = | 507 | 17266: | C005203E142310FE | = | 806 |
| 16658: | CF4311200037E052 | = | 692 | 16962: | 0028CDD7422318E2 | = | 812 | 17274: | 36C9232D20F3C90C | = | 779 |
| 16666: | 7EFE14C000001185 | = | 743 | 16970: | 1173027DFE0C28D0 | = | 786 | 17282: | 00003E20ED47D021 | = | 624 |
| 16674: | 0137CDF543FE6720 | = | 962 | 16978: | 19CDD7421B37E052 | = | 912 | 17290: | 2643C900003E1FED | = | 635 |
| 16682: | 17E52A904011F401 | = | 764 | 16986: | 18D37CFE67C83A8C | = | 1214 | 17298: | 47DD213102C90000 | = | 657 |
| 16690: | 16229040E13A6643 | = | 719 | 16994: | 401F3F17328C4011 | = | 452 | 17306: | 1511115949E9E9E | = | 693 |
| 16698: | 0C30C0C343C39F40 | = | 1005 | 17002: | 7302FE0020031171 | = | 536 | 17314: | 0A1E1E000A949E9E | = | 514 |
| 16706: | EE2A9040110A0019 | = | 531 | 17010: | 0237FE052FE0026A | = | 844 | 17322: | 95941F340A1E1E05 | = | 551 |
| 16714: | 229040E1C3B040C0 | = | 1120 | 17018: | 06207EFE0A28052E | = | 516 | 17330: | E1D1C30C433D0501 | = | 778 |
| 16722: | FE42237FEFC92007 | = | 969 | 17026: | 10F818D6CDF84223 | = | 1056 | 17338: | C506FF10FEC110FE | = | 1185 |
| 16730: | 111F0037ED5200C3 | = | 617 | 17034: | 7EFE0A28052310F6 | = | 632 | 17346: | C9CDB843326643C5 | = | 1077 |
| 16738: | BD40CDF3422B7EFE | = | 1195 | 17042: | 0000CDD7422B18E2 | = | 779 | 17354: | CDB843C0F842C9C9 | = | 1381 |
| 16746: | C920051120001900 | = | 312 | 17050: | 11720219CDD74211 | = | 661 | 17362: | 21422A3D407EFE0F | = | 736 |
| 16754: | C3B0403A3440E61F | = | 883 | 17058: | 710237ED5218D80C | = | 729 | 17370: | C800000C3C940CDB | = | 1049 |
| 16762: | 4710FE0000000000 | = | 341 | 17066: | 00119A437EF5060E | = | 626 | 17378: | 43CDF842C9CD9240 | = | 1202 |
| 16770: | 210B7D5FAF571936 | = | 605 | 17074: | 1A7713C501210005 | = | 404 | 17386: | 000C430A0A0A0A0C | = | 1106 |
| 16778: | 17C9CDE04311A001 | = | 911 | 17082: | C110F5F1016A01FE | = | 1057 | 17394: | 0C4300ED5270FE68 | = | 880 |
| 16786: | 19E5CDA842CD2244 | = | 1003 | 17090: | 0A28017E360537ED | = | 528 | 17402: | 0C3E6729CD5243CD | = | 1117 |
| 16794: | C31644E1CDDA4311 | = | 1001 | 17098: | 42228D4009000002 | = | 506 | 17410: | 7541C9CDA842118C | = | 982 |
| 16802: | C600197EFE1FC8C3 | = | 1029 | 17106: | 0000000000D5C57E | = | 536 | 17418: | 01197FPA8D40FE17 | = | 676 |
| 16810: | 054400AF328C4021 | = | 535 | 17114: | 000000000011A643 | = | 250 | 17426: | C8C3BD40E511E700 | = | 1125 |
| | | | | 17122: | 060C1A7713C50121 | = | 413 | 17434: | 7EFE0A28052310F6 | = | 1232 |
| | | | | | | | | 17442: | CD2142CDA841C982 | = | 1075 |



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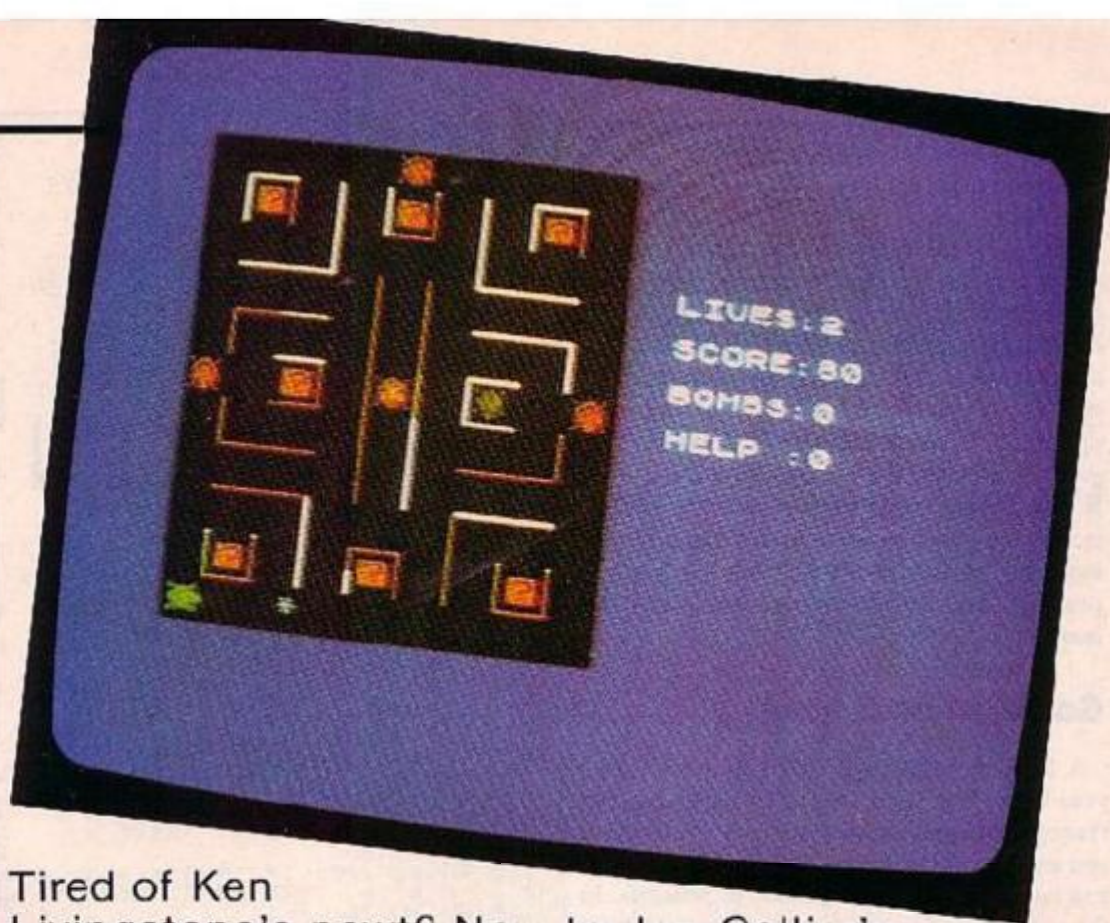
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The error will be between the last correct number — or letter — and the first wrong one. In the case of a checksum error the position is more vague but, generally, the larger the difference the further along the line it is. There is always the possibility that you have typed in the checksum wrongly — this is in the first six digits. When this new program runs without errors, save it — just in case — and type New. The program will disappear but not the code.

Run completed version

Enter the second program and Run it in the same way, then save it. Type New again and enter the shorter Basic listing. The whole program can now be saved by Rur 9C00. It will almost certainly be error-free because of the checksum.

You can now Run the completed version. If you switched off at any time between typing, Load and Run the machine-code listings
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TERRAPIN

Program 1.

```
10 DATA "241924021d1dd7ae09942  
80330021515d516000100007ba7c4527  
7d17851c01e007aa7c4527778b1c0cdc  
57573e0acd167a3cdd77107a110101f  
Saf92577eff200511ff"
```

```
20 DATA "29762300180efe002020aa  
F935ffe0128031100ffff1cd9377303fff  
5dd7e103d2b1cf578ed44ba200679ed4  
4bb2808f13d3dcfefa3008f5f1dd7710f  
110bcef1d5c1c36477-S"
```

```
30 DATA "22328547e52601ed5f6f7
ee1fd863eb838039018fac1c9e5d5c5f
5ed4b425b0600211a25cd5d7a2424ed4
b405bdc5d743e30d72424ed4b445b260
0cd5d7a3e06d72424ed"
```

```
0c5d57a3e68b72-244d  
A0 DA A "11S1B46B45bb0600e5Se1  
bd77cd77dd7cd2b2dcde32del7cfe2bc  
0fic1d1e1c9005f0021405f0001805f0  
000140af0100400f0100+f00000000000  
00000000000000000000"
```

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```
60 DATA "253293e3d5c5f5dde5e9e  
1dde1f1c1d1e3c9cdda7a115000216b0  
1cdb503cde17ac9cdda7a0605c5110a0  
0212003cdeb503110a00215002cdeb503c  
110eacde17ac9cdda7a"
```

```
70 DATA "24583221e803060ac5e51  
10500cdb503e1c1113200ed5210efcde  
17ac9cdda7a061421f401c5e5110500c  
db503e1c11128001910f0cde17ac9cd  
a7a0605218403c5e511"
```

```
80 DATA "1345360300cdb503e1c11  
13200ed5210efcde17ac9cdda7a060a2  
1e803c5e110200cdb50310fee1c110f  
2cde17ac9000000000000000000000  
00000000000000000000000000000000"
```

```
90 DATA "261328000000000021e37  
b7efeffc0fe00282a1101014e2346237  
9fd96433004ed441d1d4f78fd9644300  
4ed44151547d9e5d9e5cdda24e1d9e1d  
918ce234e2346235cd"
```

```
100 DATA "177220e522e118c2000f9
00fa01fa01f90002fa02fE00f80003fa
03f904f904fa0005fa05fE07f80006f9
```

06fa07fa07f90000f600f702f70001f6
02f602f501f50003f80"

```
110 DATA "0954823f30004f604f300
05f727f707f60006f605f605f506f500
00f5004002f40005f407f407f50020f3
02f320f10000f200f101f101f20003f1
03f204f204f10005f10"
```

```
120 DATA "16E2345f307f30006f206  
f107f107f20fcd6b0d3e02cd0116cda  
27b06083e9221c07c1602c54e234623c  
db67dc110f50e43065f16063e80cd007  
d3a485c061621125811"
```

```
130 DATA "14682112000e0e77230c2  
0fb1910f61f1f1ff608d3fee60732d27  
caf11d07cc30a0c109f409f709f205f6  
05f101f401f101f0110110091605144  
c495645533a33160714"
```

```
140 DATA "26381653434f52453a301  
60914424f4d42533a33160b149b454cb  
0203a3800000c5e5d5f5cdaa22dd210  
45bdf77012265bf1d1edca77dd5f5ed5  
b365cfe803806d68ed"
```

```
150 DATA "249085b7b5c6f2600292
92919dd360008dd450122085be5d12a0
65b78fe00282b1a0effcb3fcb3912faa
e1ae772d3d7e012fc609470eff1acb2
7cb2110faaae1ae77f1"
```

```
160 DATA "236609d1cda77dc5f5180
21a772a065b7ce607fe0720177dfee03
8051120f418031120f81924f1c1cda77
dc5f525242265b2a085b23dd7e003dd
d7700fe00208ff1d1ei"
```

```
170 DATA "231624c1c9e5f57c0f0+0  
fe603f6586772f1e1c9c5f5c5f5cd007  
d79c6074ff13ccd007dc1f578d6074ff  
13f5cd007d79c6074ff13ccd007df1c  
1c900000000000000000"
```

```
180 DATA "15966000000000000000  
00000472e1c1c2a4700000000000000  
000000000f1c1b1f1f000000f818e8e  
9B91f1e1f1e1f000009E78fB78f8000  
00000003f60c080ff80"
```

```
190 DATA "1778843030fe320705f-0  
58000b7b5858585ff0505b5b5858586f  
c000023170c1b1/1+0000c4e830d8e8f  
81f1f1f0b17230000f8f8f8d0e8c4000  
0000023170b1f1f1f00"
```

```
200 DATA "15320400c4e8d0f8f8f8f8"
```

```
f171b0c17230000f8e8d930e8c40000000020170f173f3f000004e8b0d0BeLeC3f3f170f17200000ececd3b0e8040000000020170d1b37370000"
```

```
210 DATA "15663204e3f0e8fcfc373  
71b0d17200000fc+ce8f0e8040000000  
033170f1f1f1f000098d0e0f0f0f01f0  
+1/350/0500000+0e0c093c0800000000  
00183190c070f0000c0"
```

```
220 DATA "138996e0cce8f0f80f0f0f070b190200f8f8f8f8e3cc000000000000d03f3173f3000004ecf0f8f8f8c3f1703d08000000fcf8f8e0c4000000000000020370f1f3f00000010"
```

```
230 DATA *174862b0c0e8fc3f3f1f0  
f37200000f4cfce8c0b0100000005a3c7  
e7e7e3c5a0a3c7e7e7e3c5a0000ba7cf  
efe7cba00005d3e7f7f3e5d000000331  
70b181b18000098d0a0"
```

```
240 DATA *13711130b230180b17330
703000030a0d098c0800000000001031
90b050c0000c0e0cce8d0180c0d0c050
b19000018d1810d08cc00000000080d0
3143e3e000004ecf008"
```

```
250 DATA "0693015c5=3e14030d080  
000005c03f0ec04000000000000020370  
f103a00000010b0c0287=3a3a100ff372  
000007c7=28c0b0100000000000000000  
00000000000000000000"
```

```

260 RESTORE : LET z=3:125
270 FOR x=10 TO 250 STEP 10: RE
AD a$: IF LEN a$<>135 THEN PRINT
"Length error in line ";x: BEEP
.1,30: STOP
280 LET t=100: IF z=125: LET t=

```

```
280 LET t=VAL a$( TJ 6): LET a$  
=a$(7 TO )  
290 FOR y=1 TO 65: LET a=CODE a  
$: LET b=CODE a$(2)  
300 LET a=(a-48-39*(a>96))+16+b  
40-5+2*(a>78): LET a=CHR$(a)
```

```

40-(b>95)+39: LET L=L-a*y: POKE
z,a: LET z=z+1
310 LET a=a*(3 TO ): NEXT y
320 IF t THEN PRINT "Sumcheck e
rror in line ":"x' Difference=";
t: REPEAT t=25: STOP

```

```
t: BEEP .1,25: STOP
  330 PRINT "Line ";x;" OK": NEXT
  x
  340 SAVE "CODE 2"CODE 31125,162
5: VERIFY ""CODE
```


before typing in and saving the completed version.

Go on to next level

You get .00 points for entering a question mark containing a baby, 150 points for taking

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```

75 PRINT "INK 6," @ BY I
.M.COLLIER"
76 LET C=0
80 PRINT FLASH 1, AT B+2+6.5 B
b5(b)
90 PAUSE 300 IF INKEY$="" THEN
N GO TO 120
95 LET C=0
100 LET I$=INKEY$ IF C$="1
AND I$="4" OR I$="0" THEN LET C
=VAL I$ IF NOT C THEN GO TO 200
110 IF C THEN PRINT AT B+2+6.5
b5(b) LET C=C GO TO 80-0
120 CLS PRINT " TERRAP
N HIGH SCORES" FOR X=1 TO 5
PRINT "X="X "X" NEXT X
125 LET C=10
130 PAUSE 230 IF INKEY$="Q" A
ND INKEY$="4" THEN GO TO 95
140 GO TO 75
200 POKE K+2 118+(b+1) POKE

```

```

201 X=X+(K*E AND C=3)+100 AND B=B*2
202 RANDOMIZE USING 29502 :PAUSE 1
203 REPEAT 30-15% REPEAT 12-22 :PAUSE 1
204 LET S=PEEK 23350+256*PEEK 23361+10 :BORDER 0
205 LET V=1
206 IF S=0:GOTO THEN LET V=V+1
GOTO 70+150-(V*9)
207 CLS :PRINT " CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE THE " :STR$(V) AND V+1 "ND AND V=2 "RD AND V=3 "TH" AND V=3 " HIGHEST 500
208 ENTER YOUR NAME :L
209 PRINT AT 5,6:

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245 PRINT AT 5.7,0$,"_" AND LEN
1720
250 FALSE 0 BEEP .01,34 LET
$=INKEY$: IF $=CHR$ 12 AND LEN
0$ THEN LET 0$=0$+1 TO LEN 0$-1
0$ IF 1$ "0" CD 1$ " " AND
$=CHR$ 13 THEN GO TO 245
260 IF 1$<CHR$ 13 AND LEN 0$>2
0 THEN LET 0$=0$+1$ GO TO 245
265 IF $=CHR$ 13 THEN GO TO 2
46
270 FOR X=7 TO 4 STEP -1: LET $
(X+1)=0$(X) LET 0$(X+1)=0$(X)
280 NEXT X LET 0(4)=0: LET 0(5)
0)=0$
1290 GO TO 70
1000 BORDER 0 PAPER 0 INK 7 0
1010 CLEAR 29400 LOAD "CODE" RUN
9000 REM RUN 9000 TO SAVE
9010 SAVE "TERRAPIN" LINE 1000
SAVE "CODE" CODE 29500,3268: VER
IFY " " VERIFY "CODE" CLS PR
INT "Verified OK" STOP

```

The levels differ in the method of controlling the bugs. They start off random and become more attracted to you as you finish each level.

```
10 DATA "179136dd21045b2100002  
2405bdd350c00dd363f00dd363e03dd3  
64003dd354101214c5b224abb5600dd3  
62fffdd3634fdd3614f+f21195b06000  
e003e03dd367afe00020"
```

```
20 DATA "1846830a/74fe022805360
20c180235012310e879fe0228:606013
e08cd167a5f160021195b197efe0220d
e2318f8dd7e4137878732485cdd360f9
a2100af22115bd360c"
```

```
30 DATA '22329000cd6e7ccd2b7a2
1757a11225b0605c54eeda00346eda00
31afeff280c3e0012d516423e8acdb67
dd113eda0eda0c110de01000fed430c5
bca578dd3612016652"
```

```
40 DATA "180338fb7610fddd35122
03cdd361205214c5b7efe00280d4e234
62316053e2acd00/d1Beedd7e14feff2
00a01435c16636e80cd07ddd7e0cfe0
0280bd4b115b16973e"
```

```
30 DATA "1221/186cddb7dcda578c  
dc6783013dc3514dd7e42c603de00dd7  
740cd2b7ac31475dd7e14feff2803dd3  
514cd47/79301e2a405b11f0001922405  
b4d743f6ef87e2cd2b7c"
```

```
60 DATA "205544d7e3ffe06ca6c7  
6c314/bdd/e0fcfe00c2147521c07c111  
95b7efe802E751afe0028127e91c607f  
e0e302a237e90c607fe0e38062b23231  
31854666-63147521c07c111"
```

70 DATA "1917232a405b110800192
24053ae00d112cd6e7bcc2b7add7e2ff
ef+20kedd562f8ae1452b4eed43315b1
829dd36340ae1462b4eec43365b1b1b3

```
e0012cdad762a405b11"
  B0 DATA "1914720a001922405bcd2
b7add360cfffdd368faecccfc763824dd7
e40fe00281ddd35402a4a5bed5b0c5b1
5151c1c732372233600224a5bcde97ac
```

```
d2b7a060521225bc54e"
90 DATA "3243472346237ecbfe235
e235623fe002825feff28653d2b2b2b7
7232323d5e602c5d1c1f5cd3279c68a4
ff14779c5d5c1d1cddb67d1844e5c5d5c
```

```
1e1cd7979cd7676e5c5"
100 DATA "233297elc1cdd978395fc
deb78f5e5c5e1c1cd3279c5e5c1e1164
2c68acd67deb7e12b722b732b30053
67fcd137bcbbe2b702b712323232323c
```

11083dd7e12fe012022"

```
110 DATA "21654521c07c11195b7ef  
e8028171afe00280d4e23452bd516423  
e82cdd6b7dd123231318e4c30374cd357  
be:ddb35ecd2b7a3bebf607ed4b115bc  
db67d21222b6d05c5b4e"
```

```
120 DATA "253E342346237efeff280
b3ebecdb67d232323c110e0060ac578e
60187c60257ed4b0c5b3e9acdb67d0e0
a10fe0d2fbc110e5ed4b0c5b16073eb
ecdb67ddd70c110e5ed4b0c5b16073eb"
```

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130 DATA "2285750c21195b7efef002
320fa2b3601dd7e3e-fe0dd360f9acd3
60c00c2c273ed7b3d5cc3761bdd3441d
2363f00c35a73e5c5d5eb21225b06052
7373-2b-2-2037a127-82"
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140 DA-A "268792c627f7e0e300a2b7
e2393c607f0e030a2323232310e0d1c
1e1c9d1c1e1af9047af914cf9cd517b5
52b5eed4b0e5baf9047af914ffeef200
2af43878e33af76778

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```
105cd3279cb3+cb3+cb6"
150 DATA "251966aac5d5c1f53ebe1
607cd567d150478d6044779c6044ffd
d3610081d20fd1520fa1606cd007de1e
509e5c1dd351020ebe1c9c3ff7601fef
```

```
bed78110000cb472001"
160 DATA "2455051dcb4f20011ccb5
7200114cb5f200115cb673720013fc90
1fef7ed782e00cb572802cbc501feefe
d7e1f3002cbe5ade60ead18c5db1f2f0
```

```
74f0f0f4707a9e6f5a9"
170 DATA "215398a8e6faa818b27ab
3c8cdc57728167882200679832002d5c
1c5f5793c2001050909f1c1c9f57afe0
028107bfe00280b78fe00280416001R0
```

```
21e00f1cd9377d5c138"
 180 DATA '313581c601000018d1f57
bfe01200af1cb4f2003f5180237c9fef
f2006f1cb5f20f5f57afe012006f1cb4
720ea25fefff2006f1cb5720e0f5f1b7c
```

```
9c5d5e57ceb07fe0720"
 190 DATA "1546641d71e6072018eb2
 1f0777efefe300fbb2320047e3a28042
 32318ef237ebf4dc1c900af3620af0e
 303af0e40af0e409f150af0e50af0e8
```

0af0c109f04709f0400"
200 DATA "1341448f07108f0b708f0
9303f07408f0e508f0d608f0370ef0b8
08f0d007f07307f0d507f07807f0d306

f0d506f07005f07105f0f205f08106f0
6706f0c605f02705f0f"

```
210 DATA "084214805fd104f03304  
f0d504f07704f090003f07303f0d503f0  
7803f0d002f07102f0e202f0c302f074  
02f0b502f0d602f06702f0e802f0d101  
f01401f04701f0:000f"
```

```
220 DATA "25226103200f0b300f0b4
00f0t500f0b600f0b800f09f+cfdfc762
a0c5ted4b0e50cd5277ed430e5b220c5
be51604cd3279dd860fc1c3b67ddd7e1
4fef43fc079f0e40373f"
```

```
230 DATA "2B5940c078d65cfe06c9d  
d7e0891c607fe0ed0dd7e0990c607fe0  
ec9e5214c5b7ea7283c2391fe087e233  
0c492c607fe0a30edc5d5eb2a4a5bb7e  
d52e5c1d5e11b1b78b1"
```

```
240 DATA "2571552802edbe0eb36002
24a5b2a405b0105000922405bcd2b7a3
7d1c1e1c9e1b7c978b120033e04c978f
e002E033c87c979c3c37c608c9dd7e0cf
e00cEdd7e0d91fe0240"
```

```
250 DATA "223668dd7e0e90fe02d0d  
d360f9add360c003ebfcd960edd770ef  
eaf37c03e80dd960dd770d37c9cdc57  
7c26477dd7e41c602cd167afe023830d  
d2e0811010105260000"
```

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260:
270 CLEAR 29499: RESTORE : LET
z=29500
280 FOR x=10 TO 250 STEP 10
290 READ a: IF LEN(a)=1 THEN

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290 READ a$: IF LEN a$ <> 136 THEN
  N PRINT "Length error in line ";
  X: BEEP .1,30: STOP
300 LET t=VAL a$: TO A): LET a$
  =a$(7 TO )

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310 -OR y=1 TO 65: LET a=CODE a
$: LET b=CODE a$(?): LET a=(a-48
-39*(a>96))*16+b-48-39*(b>96)
320 LET t=t-a*y: POKE z,a: LET
z=z+1

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330 LET a$=a$(3 TO ): NEXT y
340 IF t THEN PRINT "Sumcheck error in line ";x;" Difference=";
t: BEEP .1,25: STOP
350 PRINT "Line ";x;" OK": NEXT

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X
360 SAVE "CODE 1"CODE 29500,162
5: VERIFY ""CODE

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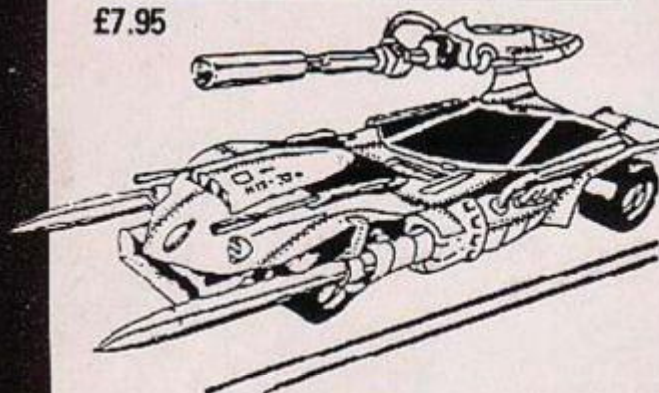


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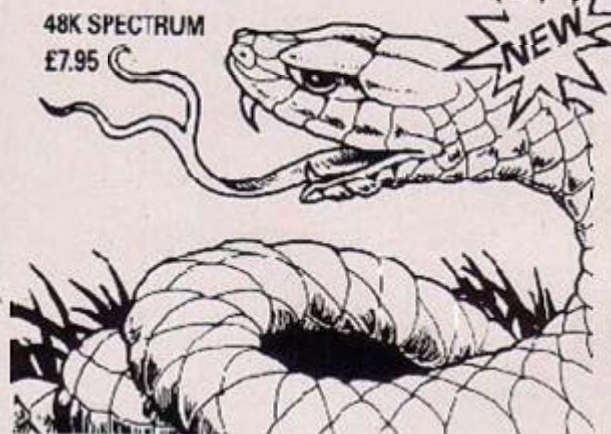
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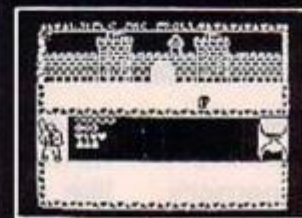
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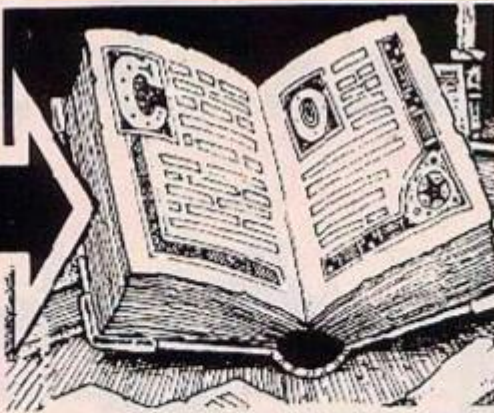
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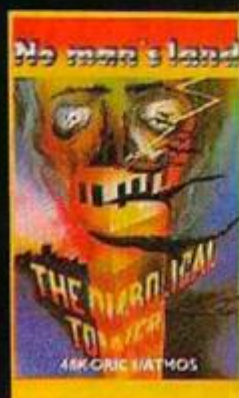
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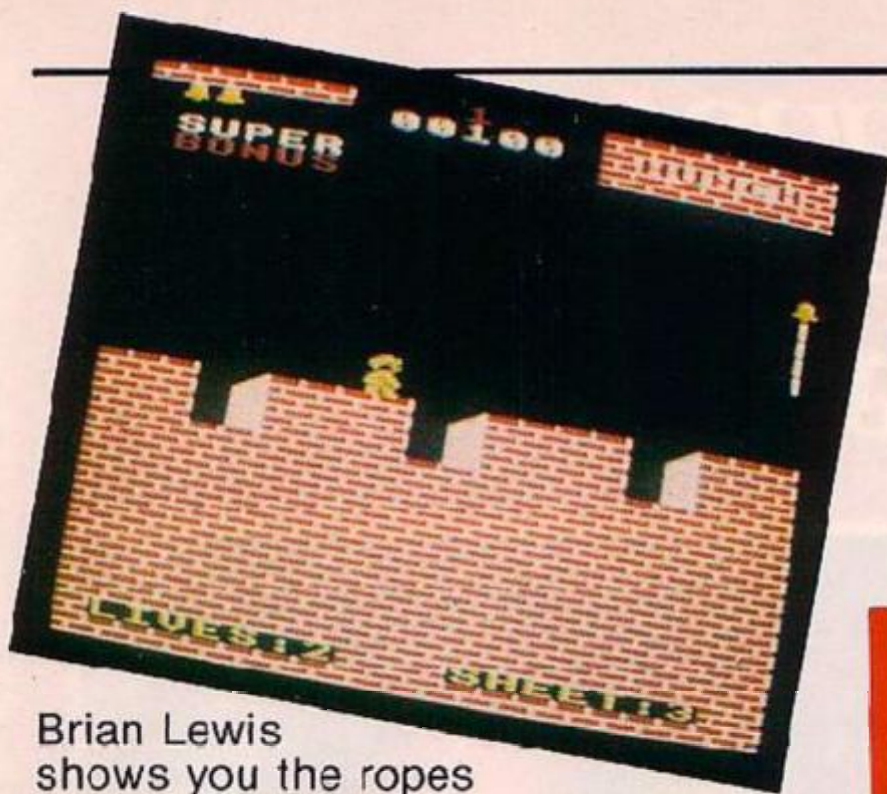
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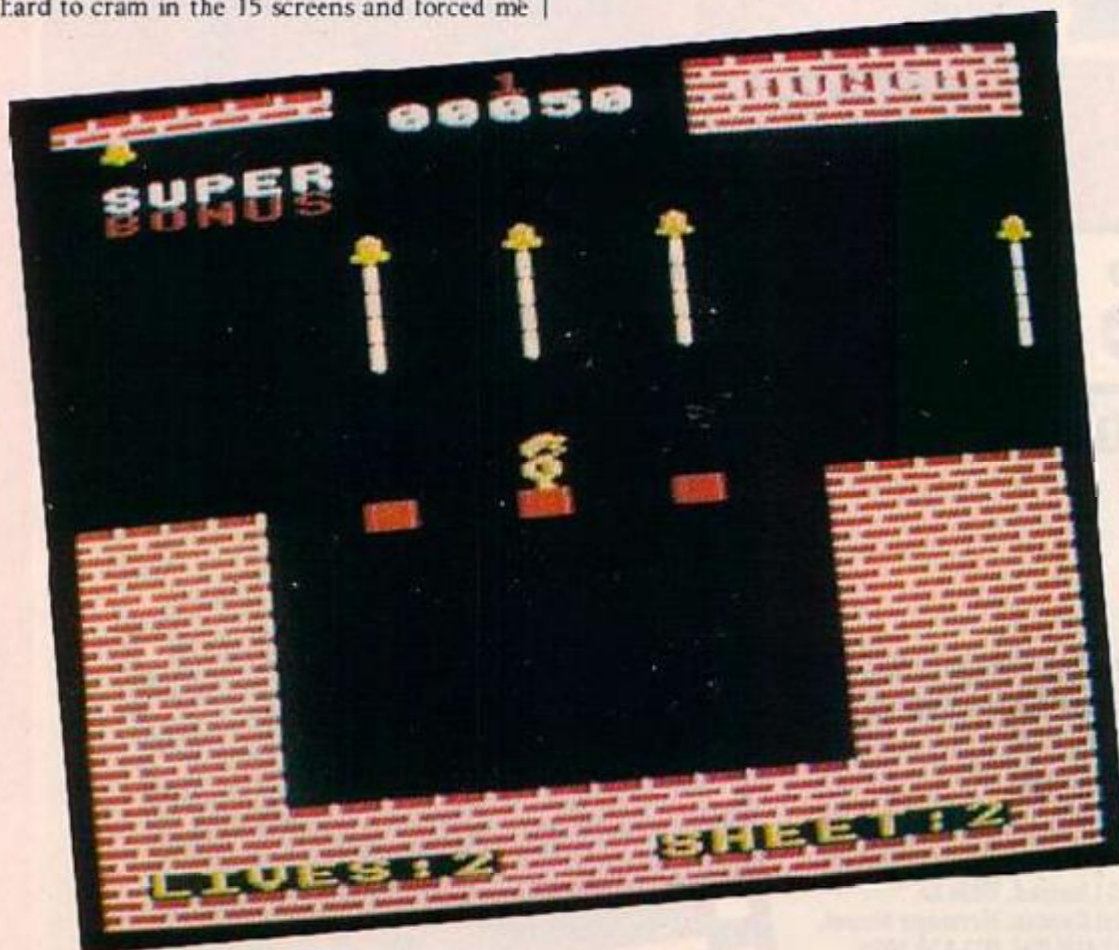
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My main problem was the small amount of memory I had to work with which made it hard to cram in the 15 screens and forced me

Program 1.

```
10DATA16,48,112,112,96,32,16,48,192,240,160,96,16,3
2,192,192
20DATA76,76,76,112,40,16,16,16,224,224,224,96,192,1
28,128,192
30DATA16,48,112,112,96,32,16,48,192,240,160,96,16,3
2,192,192
40DATA112,112,240,240,48,112,96,112,224,224,112,176
,192,96,224,112
50DATA48,240,80,96,128,64,48,48,128,192,224,224,96,
64,128,192
60DATA112,112,112,96,48,16,16,48,96,96,96,224,192,1
28,128,128
70DATA48,240,80,96,128,64,48,48,128,192,224,224,96,
64,128,192
80DATA112,112,224,208,48,96,112,224,224,224,240,240
,192,224,96,224
90VDU23,128,254,254,254,0,239,239,239,0
100VDU23,129,0,24,24,24,24,24,24,24
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to find a way to condense the screens. So I based all the screens on a brick wall and then devised a system where each time a screen was displayed a brick wall was drawn. Then any extras — like turrets and pits — were cut out of the wall.

These extras are also stored in a condensed fashion which uses a form of binary, but instead of representing numbers, the 0s and 1s represent arrows, soldiers, turrets, etc., and these binary numbers are stored in line 40 of listing 2. The number 0000 represents a bell screen as this screen was a very late addition to the program and so the binary number was too small to cover all the variables.

Written in Mode 5

The program is written in Mode 5 as this provides a reasonable amount of memory a good resolution in four colours which is all that is needed to write an addictive arcade game. The game is written in machine code but other functions which do not require speed are written in Basic. All the screens are condensed thus making the listing quite short and this should aid you when you are typing it in. However this type of screen storage also has its disadvantages, a scrolling routine

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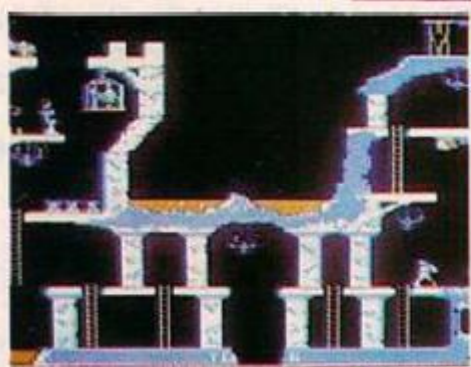
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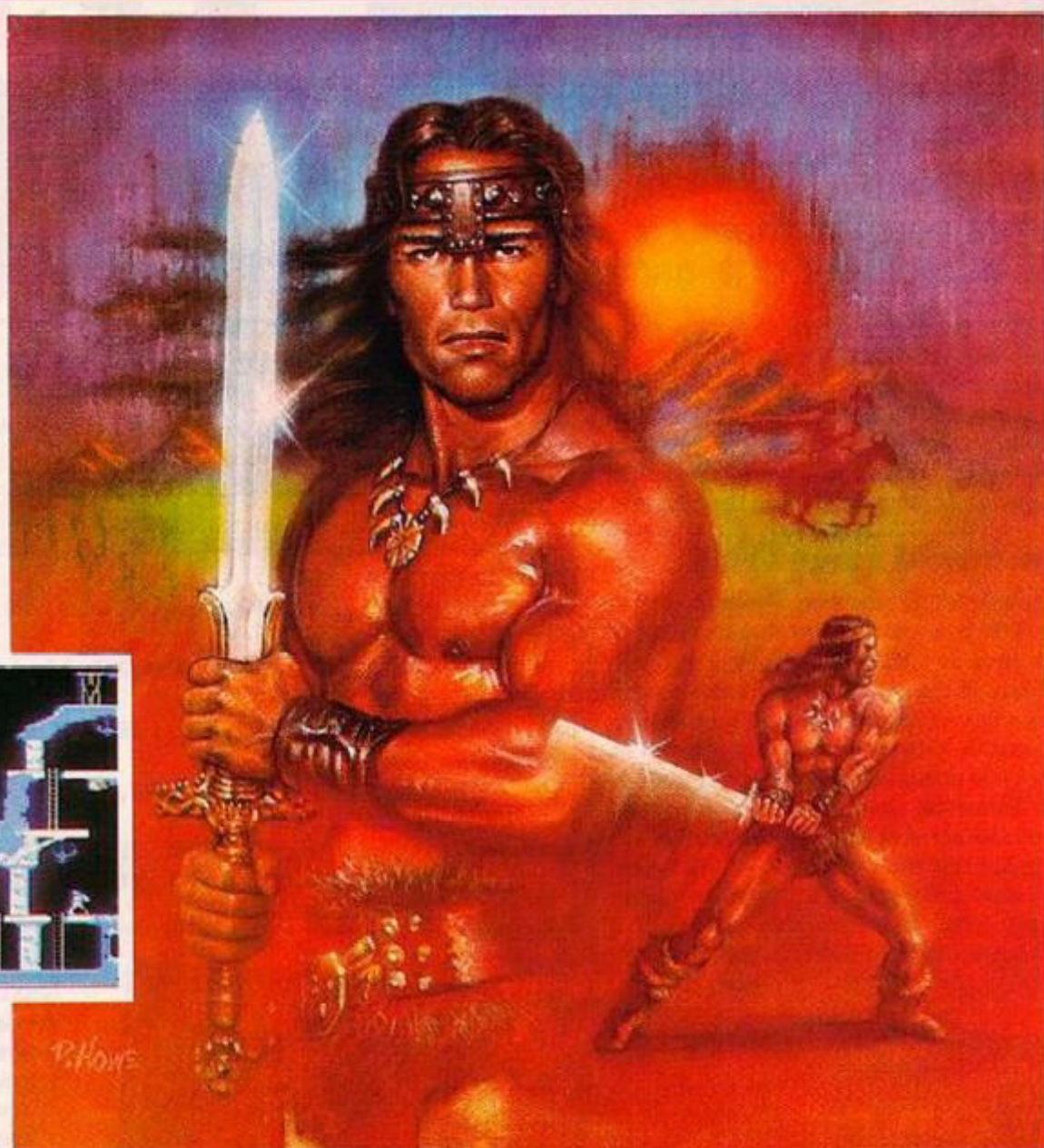
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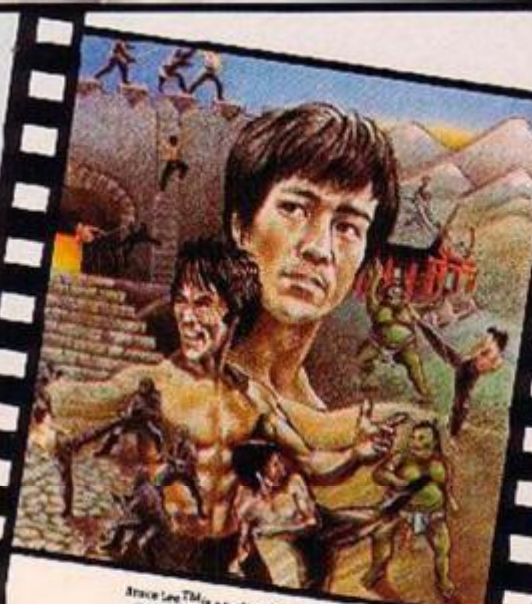
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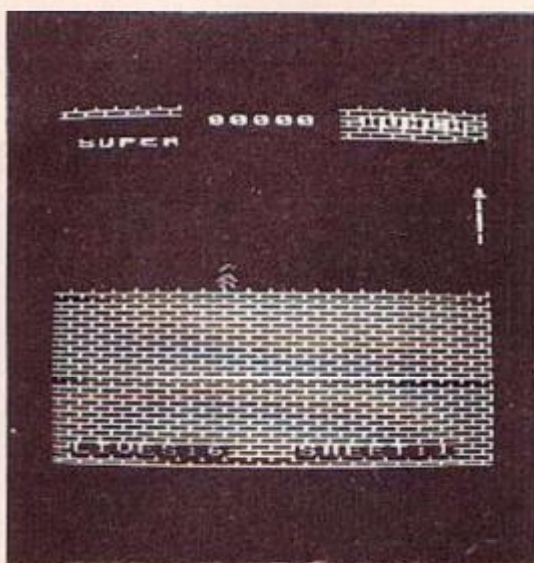
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would be impossible as there would be nothing to scroll onto but a plain brick wall whatever the sheet was.

Controlling Quasimodo

If you are looking for something to aim at in the way of scores then my personal best is 4,500. If you feel the need to design your own screens then you could change the "binary" numbers in the data statement at line 40 of listing 2 but remember that some of the combinations available offer no sort of challenge whatsoever — i.e. a flat brick wall with an arrow flying overhead — and there are few combinations I have not included in the 15 screens within the game. To control Quasimodo use the key Z — Left, X — Right, Shift — Jump, to take a run and jump press both a directional key and the jump key together.

As the game was written for the Electron BBC owners will find it too fast. To slow it down change the values of SP(1) and SP(2) in line 20. SP(1)=180 should slow the game down sufficiently.



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110VDU23,130,24,60,60,60,60,126,126,24
120VDU23,131,0,24,60,126,219,126,102,60
130VDU23,132,24,60,126,231,231,129,129,231
140VDU23,133,231,231,231,255,255,255,36,102
150VDU23,134,32,32,32,32,32,32,32,32
160VDU23,135,32,112,32,32,32,32,32,32
170VDU23,138,1,3,/,15,31,63,127,255
180VDU23,139,0,12,30,31,15,7,3,1
190VDU23,140,0,48,120,248,240,224,192,128
200ENVELOPE1,1,-90,-3,126,3,10,4,126,0,0,-126,126,12
6
210ENVELOPE2,2,-90,-3,126,5,10,4,126,0,0,-126,126,12
6
220ENVELOPE3,1,-90,3,-90,10,20,10,126,0,0,-126,126,1
26
230DATA1,0,3,0,1,0,2,0
240DATA0,0,0,4,15,4,0,0,0,1,2,2,15,2,2,1
250DATA1,0,2,0,255,0,25,0
260DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,18,32,112,48,8,20,18,14,15,
135,225,193,129,192,72,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
,1,16,16,40,112,17,34,96,72,192,192,224,240,68,68,192,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
270GX=&905:FORT=0T0223:READD:T?G%>D:NEXT
280MODE4:VDU19,0,4;0;
290PRINTTAB(13,3);"H U N C H Y"
300PRINT "In this game you play the HUNCH BA
CK of NOTRE DAME.Your only true love EMERALDA has be
en imprisoned by the evil soldiers."
310PRINT>Your task is to save her from their clu
thches but this is not as easy as it sounds as you mus
t first clear FOURTEEN screens to reach her !"
320PRINT""If you clear a screen then you gain a ";C
HR$130" If you have four ";CHR$130;"s then you will b
e given a SUPER BONUS.""But if you lose just one lif
e you lose all the bells !!"
330PRINT""The controls are:-""Z - LEFT X - RIGHT
shift - JUMP"
340VDU28,0,31,39,26
350CHAIN"HUNCHY2"

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Program 2.

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10*F(229,1)
20DIMSc$(2),lives(2),sh(2),SP(2):Sc$(1)="00000":Sc$(2)="00000":Nlpl=1:lives(1)-7:lives(2)=7:bell=-1:PL$="ONE":sh(1)=2:sh(2)=0:SP(1)=140:SP(2)=140:PROCASSEM:F
Lnum=1:*FX15,1
30MODE4:PRINTTAB(6,10):"PRESS 1 OR 2 TO START THE G
AME":P$=GET$:IF A$="2":Nlpl=2:PLnum=1
40DATA1000,0000,0010,0001,1110,1001,0110,0000,0101,
1100,0000,1010,1101,0000,1101,END
50NEXTURE#0
60MODE5:VDU23,1,0;2;0;0;
70PROCSTART
80bell=bell+1
90?(delay-1)=SP:PLnum
100FORT=1T04:T?&04F=0:NEXT
110FORT=0T04:T?&054=VAL(MID$(Sc$(PLnum),(5-T),1)):NE
XT
120AX=76055:AX=AX-5:76055=AX:CALLSEW#
130RESTORE40:sh(PLnum)=sh(PLnum)+1:UX=sh(PLnum):FORT
=1T04:READD$:NEXT:IF D$="END" THEN 80SUB1520:FORT=0T0
5000:NEXT:ACSTORE40:sh(PLnum)=2:GOTO60
140FORTX=1T0LEND$:TX?&04F=VAL(MID$(D$,TX,1)):NEXT
150VDU17,1,17,131
:60PRINTTAB(13,0):STRING$(7,CHR#128)TAB(13,1):CHR#12
0:"HUNCH":CHR#128TAB(13,2):STRING$(7,CHR#128);
170IF UX="5" THEN PROC2
180CALLwa:1:PRINTTAB(0,0):STRING$(6,CHR#120):VDU17,1
29,17,3,30
190PRINTTAB(1,3):"SUPER":COLOUR1:PRINTTAB(1,4):"BONU
S"TAB(9,3):PLnum:COLOUR3
200IF UX="5" THEN 230
210FORTX=1T011:PRINTTAB(19,TX):CHR#129:NEXT
220VDU17,2,31,19,7,130
230COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(1,29):"LIVES:"lives(PLnum)TAB(
11,29):"SHEET:"UX
240PRINTTAB(1,1):STRING$(bell,CHR#130):IF bell=4
THEN PROCBONUS
250IF T?&053<>1 THEN 300
260COLOUR3
270FORTX=16T018:PRINTTAB(3,TX):CHR#(115+TX):"TAB(17
,TX):CHR#(115+TX):"TAB(15,TX):CHR#(115+TX):"
280NEXT:COLOUR:

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290FOR% = 15T017:PRINTAB(4,%);CHR#134TAB(10,%);CHR#134TAB(10,%);CHR#134;CHP#134;NEXT:PRINTTAB(4,14);CHR#135TAB(10,14);CHR#35"AB"16,14);CHR#135;
300IF %?D52<>1 THEN 330
310FOR% = 16T018:PR:NT"AB"3,%); " "TAB(9,%); " "TAB(15,%); " " ;:NEXT
320PROC:SHADOW
330IF D4="0000" PROCbellis
340CALL HX:CLS:IF %?D01=255 THEN 1330 ELSE CALLscore:
Sc$(FLnum)="":FORT=4T005STEP-1:Sc$(PLnum)=0c$(PLnum)+RT
R$(T?D54):NEXT:GOTO000
350GOTO000
360DEFPROCACCEM
370G%=&905
380M1=G%:M2=G%+64:ez=&9A5
390DIMX%3000
400FORT=0IU2STEP2
410P% = H%
420COP TT
430LDA#5:STA%70:LDA#9:STA%71
440LDA#30:STA%72:LDA#609:STA%73:LDA#0:STA%74:STA%75
:STA%001:STA%00A:STA%00B:STA%7F:STA%60:LDA#18:STA%7A:
LDA#68:STA%7B
450LCA#1E0:STA%76:LDA#6B:STA%77
460LCA#D51:CMF#1:BNE:NB
470LDY#2:LD LDA#7B,Y:STA(%7A),Y:INY:CPY#16:BNEQD
480.NBT JSRdi:LDA#D50:CMF#1:BNEstart
490LDY#0:cq LDA#7BC,Y:STA(%76),Y:INY:CPY#16:BNEqq
500SEC:LDA#D55:SEC#5:STA#D55:JSRscore
510.start CLC:LDA#72:ACC#130:STA#4D:LDA#73:ACC#1:STA
44E:LDY#0:LD LDA(%70),Y:STA(%72),Y:INY:CPY#16:BNE:LD
LDA(%70),Y:STA(%4U),Y:INY:CPY#32:BNEF
520LDA#D50:CMF#1:BNE:NB
530LDA#76:STA#6C:LDA#77:STA#6D:JSRobj:LDA#6C:STA#76:
LDA#6D:STA#77:.NB
540LDA#D51:CMF#1:BNE:nb
550LDA#7A:STA#6C:LDA#7B:STA#6D:JSRobj:LDA#6C:STA#7A:
LDA#6C:STA#7B:.nb
560LDA#D53:CMF#1:BNEfin
570JNC:D0E:LDA#D0B:CMF#B:BNEio:JSRmen:LDA#0:STA#D0D:
.i0
580LDA#74:CMF#3E:BEQ1:JMPbag:.1 JMPfin:.bag

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590JSRdelay
600JSRSEE2: LDA#75: CMP#0: BNE#1: JSRSEE: .
610LDA#001: CMP#FF: BNE#1: JMPdead: .k
620LDA#74: CMP#0: BEQc
630LDA#01: LDX#7E: LDY#FF: JSR#FFF4: CPY#FF: BNEc
640LDA#1: STA#60: JSR#ub: DEC#74: SEC: LDA#77: SBC#0: STA#7
2: LDA#73: SR#0: STA#73
650LDA#M2 MOD 256: STA#70: LDA#M2 DIV 256: STA#71: JSR#an
1
660.c LDA#74: CMP#30: BEQd: LDA#R1: LDX#ADD: LDY#FF: JSR
LFF4: CPY#FF: BNEd
670LDA#M1 MOD 256: STA#70: LDA#M1 DIV 256: STA#71
680LDA#0: STA#60: JSR#ub: JSR#an: INC#74: CLC: LDA#72: ADC#
8: STA#72: LDA#73: ADC#0: STA#73
690.d LDA#75: CMP#0: BNE#1: LDA#01: LDX#FF: LDY#FF: JSR#
FFF4: CPY#FF: BNE#1: LDA#1: STA#75: LDA#0: STA#D00: LDA#7: LDX
#85: LDY#9: JSR#FFF1
700.e LDA#75: CMP#0: BEQg
/10JSRjump
720.g JMPstart
730.rub CLC: LDA#72: ADC#40: STA#4E: LDA#73: ADC#1: STA#4
E: LDY#0: .A LDA#0: STA#(72), Y: STA#(4D), Y: INY: CPY#16: BNE#
: RTS
740.delay LDX#150: .B LDY#00: .C DEY: BNEC: DEX: BNEB: RTS
750.jump INC#D00: LDA#D00: CMP#7: BNEB
760LDA#40: SIF#75: JMPSEE
770.D LDA#D00: CMP#4: BPLdown
780JSR#ub: SEC: LDA#72: SBC#40: STA#72: LDA#73: SBC#1: STA#
73: JSRSEE3: RTS
790.down JSR#ub: CLC: LDA#72: ADC#40: STA#72: LDA#73: ADC
#1: STA#73: JMPSEE3
800.obj: LDY#0: .E LDA#(6C), Y: EOR#98D, Y: STA#(6A), Y: INY
: CPY#16: BNE#
810SEC: LDA#6C: SBC#0: STA#6C: LDA#6D: SBC#0: STA#6D
820LDY#0: .check LDA#(6C), Y: CMP#0: BNE#1: INY: CPY#16: B
NE#1: JMP#oh: t
830.hit AND#1: G: CMP#0: BNE#1: LDA#M1: .LDA#M1: .nohit
: JMPedge
840.G CMPedge2: .WW LDY#0: .H LDA#(6C), Y: LDX#M1: Y: STA
(6C), Y: INY: CPY#16: BNE#
850RTS
860.edge1 LDA#6D: CMP#5A: BEQ: JMPG
870.F LDA#6C: CMP#C0: BNE#1: W
880LDA#F0: STA#67: LDA#6D: STA#6D: .uiw JMP F
890.edge2 LDA#6D: CMP#67: BEQ: JMPWU
900.R LDA#6C: CMP#0: BNE#1: W
910LDA#3B: STA#6C: LDA#6B: STA#6B: .re JMPW
920.dead LDA#0: STA#76: STA#D00: STA#D05: STA#D07: STA#D0
7: LDA#2: STA#D04: LDA#1: STA#D02: LDA#2: STA#D0B: LDA#FF:
STA#D0B
930. . JSRdis: LDA#7: LDX#2: LDY#0: JSR#FF: .LDY#0: .rese
DEC#00: INY: CPY#15: BNE#1: JSR#ub: CLC: LDA#72: ADC
#40: STA#72: LDA#73: ADC#1: STA#73: JSRdis: JSR#ub: CLC:
940INC#76: LDA#76: CMP#15: BNE#1
950RTS
960.ds CLC: LDA#72: ADC#30: STA#40: LDA#73: ADC#1: STA#4
E: LDY#0: .J LDA#(72), Y: EOR#70, Y: STA#(72), Y: INY: CPY#16
: BNE#1: .K LDA#(4D), Y: EOR#70, Y: STA#(4D), Y: INY: CPY#32: D
NE#1: RTS
970.delay2 LDX#50: .A LDY#50: .B DEY: BNEB: DEX: BNEA:
: RTS
980.fin LDA#D00: CMP#3: BEQ#rs: JMPbag: .rre LDA#7: LDX#5
90: LDY#9: JSR#FF: .LDY#0: .ttt TYP: PHA: JSR#ub: CLC: LDA#72: ADC
: INY: CPY#10: BNE#1: LDA#21: LDX#5: JMP#FFF4
990.SEE CLC: LDA#72: ADC#00: STA#4D: LDA#73: ADC#2: STA#4
E: LDY#0: .ttt LCA#(4D), Y: AND#15: CMP#0: DEQ#g: CMP#2: BEQ#g:
: INY: CPY#8: BNE#1: RTS
1000.gg LDA#FF: STA#D01: RTS
1010.mn LDA#17: JSR#FFEE: LDA#1: JSR#FFEE
1020LDA#4: STA#D0B: LDA#10: STA#D0C: LDA#16: STA#D0D: LDA#10:
STA#D0E: BEQ#p
1030.DY#0: .hw LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#D0B, Y: JSR#FFEE: LDA#
14: JSR#FFEE: LDA#134: JSR#FFEE: LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#D0B, Y
: JSR#FFEE: LDA#3: JSR#FFEE: LDA#135: JSR#FFEE
1040LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#D0B, Y: JSR#FFEE: LDA#17: JSR#FFEE
E: LDA#32: JSR#FFEE
1050IN: CPY#3: BNE#1: LDA#0: STA#D0A: RTS
1060.ep LDY#0: .hy LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#D0B, Y: JSR#FFEE
: LDA#13: JSR#FFEE: LDA#32: JSR#FFEE: LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#D
0B, Y: JSR#FFEE: LDA#14: JSR#FFEE: LDA#135: JSR#FFEE
1070LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#D0B, Y: JSR#FFEE: LDA#17: JSR#FFEE
C: LDA#134: JSR#FFEE: INY: CPY#3: BNE#1: LDA#1: STA#D0A: RTS
1080.SEE2 CLC: LDA#72: ADC#40: STA#4D: LDA#73: ADC#1: STA#
4E: LDY#0: .ty2 LDA#(4D), Y: AND#2: CMP#0: BNE#1: INY: CPY#0:
BNE#1: RTS
1090.HIT LDA#FF: STA#D0: .RTS
1100.SEE3 CLC: LDA#72: ADC#40: STA#4D: LDA#73: ADC#1: STA#
4E: LDY#0: .WED LDA#(4D), Y: CMP#2: BNE#1: INY: CPY#16: BNE#1
: RTS
1110.score LDA#17: JSR#FFEE: LDA#3: JSR#FFEE: LDA#31: JSR#
FFEE: LDA#7: JSR#FFEE: LDA#1: JSR#FFEE: CLC: LDA#D55: ADC#5: S
TA#D55: CMP#10: BNE#1: LDA#0: STA#D55
1120INC#L56: LDA#D56: CMP#10: BNE#1: LDA#0: STA#D56: INC#
D57: LDA#D57: CMP#10: BNE#1: LDA#0: STA#D57
1130.SHOW LDY#4: .wAA CLC: LDA#D54, Y: ADC#40: JSR#FFEE: D
EY: CPY#FF: BNE#1: RTS
1140.WJMAN LDA#18: STA#72: LDA#163: STA#73: LDA#138: STA#
40: LDA#64: STA#4E: LDY#0: .AS LDA#Z, Y: STA#(72), Y: INY: CPY
#32: BNE#1: .YU LDA#Z, Y: STA#(4D), Y: INY: CPY#64: BNE#1: RTS
1150.wall SF: LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#0: STA#7F: LDA#16: J
SR#FFEE: LDY#0: .ff LDY#0: .yy LDA#126: JSR#FFEE: INY: CPY#1
50: BNE#1: INY: CPY#2: BNE#1: CLC: RTS
1160.an LDA#60: CMP#1: BEQ#2: LDA#7F: CMP#0: BEQ#1: LDA#0
: STA#7F: LDA#0: STA#7F: RTS: .gf LDA#1: STA#7F: LDA#25: STA#
70: RTS
1170.ar2 LDA#7F: CMP#0: BEQ#1: LDA#0: STA#7F: LDA#45: STA#
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70: RTS: .fg LDA#1: STA#7F: LDA#65: STA#70: RTS
1180.bit LDA#17: JSR#FFEE: LDA#1: JSR#FFEE: LDA#17: JSR#FF
EE: LDA#131: JSR#FFEE: JSR#WJMAN
1190LDA#0: STA#D51: STA#D53: STA#D55: STA#D57: LDA#11: STA
D50: STA#D54: STA#D56: LDA#1: STA#D52
1200LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#0: JSR#FFEE: LDA#10: JSR#FFEE: LD
Y#0: .LH LDA#120: JSR#FFEE: INY: CPY#20: BNE#1: LDA#31: JSR#F
FEE: LDA#0: JSR#FFEE: LDA#29: JSR#FFEE: LDY#0: .LH LDA#120: J
SR#FFEE: INY: CPY#20: BNE#1: LDA#0: STA#74: STA#7F: STA#60: ST
A#72: LDA#62: STA#73
1210LDA#17: JSR#FFEE: LDA#120: JSR#FFEE: LDA#17: JSR#FFEE:
LDA#3: JSR#FFEE: LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#0: JSR#FFEE: LDA#17: J
SR#FFEE: LDY#0: .rts LDA#5700, Y: JSR#FFEE: INY: CPY#13: BNE#
ts
1220LDA#17: JSR#FFEE: LDA#2: JSR#FFEE: LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LD
A#7: JSR#FFEE: LDA#6: JSR#FFEE: LDY#0: .WS LDA#5700, Y: JSR#F
FEE: INY: CPY#13: BNE#1: LDA#31: JSR#FFEE: LDA#17: JSR#FFEE: LD
A#10: JSR#FFEE: LDA#32: JSR#FFEE
1230LDA#5: STA#70: LDA#9: STA#71: JSRdis
1240.walk JSRdelay: JSRdis: JSR#an: JSR#ub: CLC: LDA#72: AD
C#0: STA#72: LDA#73: ADC#0: STA#73: JSRdis: INC#74: LDA#74: CM
P#34: BNE#1: JSRdelay: JSRdelay: JSRdelay
1250LDA#5: STA#D51: STA#D53: STA#D55: STA#D57: LDA#11: STA
D50: STA#D54: STA#D56: LDA#2: STA#D52
1260LDA#0: STA#74: .DROP JSRdelay: JSRdis: JSR#an: JSR#ub:
CLC: LDA#72: ADC#40: STA#72: LDA#73: ADC#1: STA#73: JSRdis: I
NC#74: LDA#74: CMP#10: BNE#1: JSR#ub: LDA#34: STA#74
1270LDA#0: STA#D51: STA#D53: STA#D55: STA#D57: LDA#11: STA
D50: STA#D54: STA#D56: LDA#1: STA#D52
1280JSRdis: LDA#45: STA#70: LDA#7: STA#71: LDA#1: STA#60: J
SRdis: .back JSRdelay: JSRdis: JSR#an: JSR#ub: SEC: LDA#72: S
BC#0: STA#72: LDA#73: SBC#0: STA#73: JSRdis: DEC#74: LDA#74: C
MP#0: BNE#1: RTS
1290.SOU LDA#7: LDX#50: LDY#0: JMP#FF: F1
1300
1310NEXT
1320ENDPROC
1330lives(PLnum)=lives(PLnum)-1: sh(PLnum)=sh(PLnum)-1
: bell=0: A%=70D55: A%=A%-5: ?%D55=A%: CALLscore: IF lives(
PLnum)=0 THEN 1370
1340IF NUMPL=2 AND PLnum=1 PLnum=2: PLt="TWO" ELSE IF
NUMPL=2 AND PLnum=2 PLnum=1: PLt="ONE"
1350IF NUMPL=2 PROCSTART
1360GOTO90
1370*FX15,1
1380IF PLnum=1 THEN PRINT "GAME OVER PLAYER ONE": F
D60=0T05200: NEXT: CLS: IF NUMPL=2 AND lives(2)<0 GOTO1
340
1390IF PLnum=2 THEN PRINT "GAME OVER PLAYER TWO": F
DRT=0T05000: NEXT: CLS
1400IF lives(1)<0 THEN 1340
1410TX=0: lives(1)=7: lives(2)=7: bell=0: PLt="ONE": sh(
1)=0: sh(2)=0: P%=5: STKING$(20, ".")+"PRESENTING HUNCHY BY
BRIAN LEWIS.....STARRING.....
....QUAZIMODO...AND.EZMERALDA...4IT4...FULL...SUPPORT
ING...CAST...OF..."
1420P=P%+"SOLDIERS": SCS(1)="0000": SCS(2)="0000": PLn
um=1: NUMPL=1: SP(1)=120: SP(2)=120
1430COLOUR1: A%=(UX-1)/15+100: PRINTTAB(1,4): "YOU COM
PLETED: "A%: "X"TAB(1,6): "OF THE NOIR DAME": "SPC(4): "
BATTLEMENTS"
1440COLOUR13: PRINTTAB(0,15): STRING$(20,CHR$(120))TAB(0
,19): STRING$(20,CHR$(120)): COLOUR128: COLOUR13
1450PRINTTAB(0,2): "ANDHER GO ? (Y/N)": COLOUR2
1460PRINTTAB(0,17): MID$(P%,TX,20): TX=TX+1: IFTX=178 T
HEN TX=1
1470AS=INKEY$(10): IF AS<>" " THEN1490
1480C0T01460
1490IF AS="Y" THEN 30
1500IF AS<>"N" THEN 1460
1510CALLD9D2
1520VW13,19,0,10,0: FORTX=1T0255STEP5: SOUND1,3,TX,1:
NEXT
1530PRINT "WELL DONE !!! BUT NOW TRY IT" "WHEN IT
'S FASTER"
1540lives(PLnum)=lives(PLnum)+1: SF(PLnum)=SF(PLnum)-2
0: FORTX=1T00: CALLscore: NEXT: SCS(PLnum)="": FORT=4T00STE
P-1: SCS(PLnum)=SCS(PLnum)+STR$(TX%054): NEXT: RETJRN
1550DEFPROC2: PRINTTAB(17,10): STRING$(3,CHR$(120)): FOR
TX=5T09: PRINTTAB(17,TX): CHR$(120): NEXT
1560COLOUR126: PRINTTAB(18,6): CHR$(139): CHR$(140): COLOUR13
1
1570CALLWJMAN
1580ENDPROC
1590DEFPROCShadow: COLOUR131: FORTX=1T010: PRINTTAB(4,T
X): "TAB(10,TX): "TAB(16,TX): "": NEXT: COLOUR128: CO
LOUR13: PRINTTAB(4,16): CHR$(138)TAB(10,16): CHR$(138)TAB(16,16
): CHR$(138): ENDPROC
1600DEFPROCBOJUS: COLOUR1: PRINTTAB(7,15): "BOJUS": SOUND
&11,3,1,255: FORT=0T01000: NEXT
1610*FX21,5
1620FORTX=1T04: PRINTTAB(TX,1): "": SOUND&11,1,255,4: F
DRT=0T0200: NEXT: FORT=0T0200: NEXT
1630bell=0: PRINTTAB(7,15): "": CALLscore: CALLscore
=SCS(PLnum): "": FORT=4T00STEP-1: SCS(PLnum)=SCS(PLnum)+
STR$(TX%054): NEXT: ENDPROC
1640DEFPROCbell: FORTX=1T026: PRINTTAB(4,TX): STRING$(
11, " "): NEXT: IF UX=0 ?%D50=1 ELSE IF UX=14 ?%D50=1: ?%
D51=1 ELSE IF UX=11 ?%D51=1
1650COLOUR129: PRINTTAB(6,16): "TAB(9,16): "TAB(12,1
6): "": COLOUR128
1660COLOUR3: FORTX=7T010: PRINTTAB(6,TX): CHR$(129)TAB(9,T
X): CHR$(129)TAB(12,TX): CHR$(129): NEXT: COLOUR2: PRINTTAB(6,
6): CHR$(130)TAB(9,6): CHR$(130)TAB(12,6): CHR$(130): ENDPROC
1670DEFPROCSTAFF: ?%5700="GET READY P.LAYER "+PLt: ?%570
0="HUNCHY": FORTX=0T04: TX%5700=TX%5700: NEXT: CALLb: t
1680*FX21,5
1690FCRTX=0T04: TX%5700=TX%5700: NEXT: FORT=0T01000: NEX
T: CLS: ENDPROC
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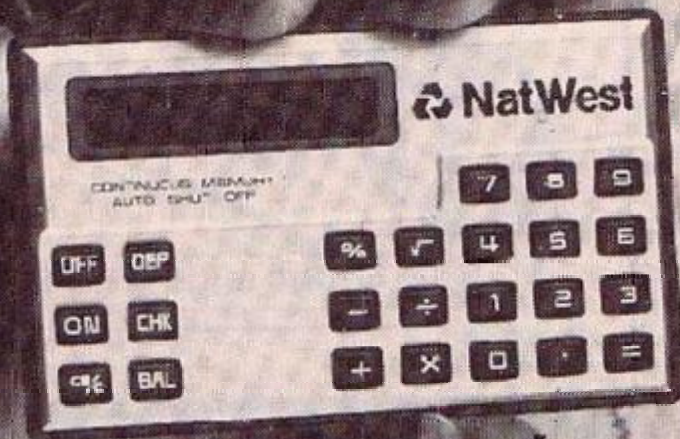
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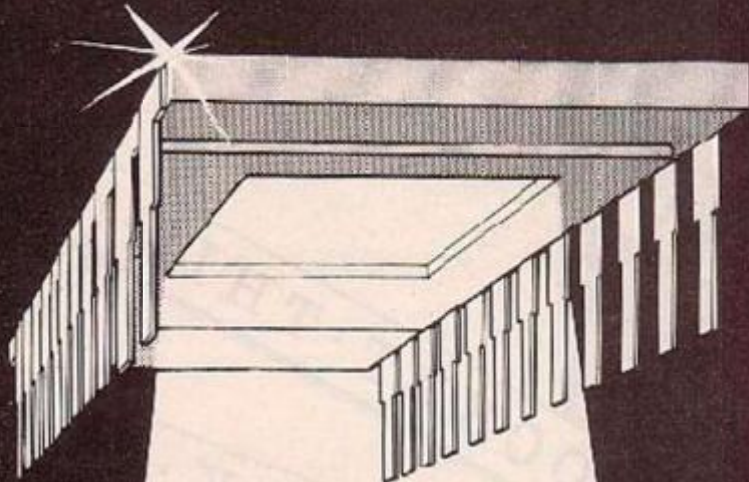
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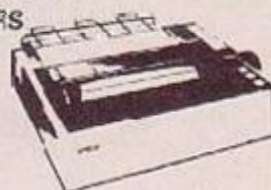
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Program 1 is the main program and must be entered, leaving out the Rem statement at the end of each line. These will be used to check that the program has been correctly entered. After being entered, program 1 must be saved. Program 2 must be entered while program 1 is still in memory.

Now type Run 50000. On the screen will appear: 200 . . . followed by a value.

You must check that this value is the same as the value in the Rem statement which corresponds to line 200. If it is correct, press any key and the program will go on to the next line. When all lines have been checked, the program will stop with an Out of Data error. If the values do not correspond, press Run Stop and check that line. After correcting the line Run 50000 again. When all errors have been corrected, erase program 2 and Save the program.

To activate the program type
SYS 49280

You are now in the main screen.

On the left of the screen will be a 24 by 21 grid, surrounded by a checked border. On the grid will be displayed the current sprite and shortly after that a flashing cursor will appear in the top left corner of the grid. At the bottom right side of the screen will appear the current sprite in normal size.

In the top right hand corner of the screen will be displayed:

- (i) The current sprite number.
- (ii) The color of the current sprite.
- (iii) The type of sprite. N = Normal M = Multi-colored.

The flashing cursor can be moved around using the cursor keys.

Clear will clear the grid.

Home will position the cursor at the top left corner.

. (Period) plots a dot.

Space will clear a dot — un-plots it.

C will increase the color value to the next higher value.

T will change the sprite type from normal to multi-colored or vice versa

+ will display the next sprite.

- will display the previous sprite.

F1 will display the menu page.

Run Stop will return you to Basic.

The Menu Page will display five functions:

- 1 STORE DATA
- 2 INPUT DATA
- 3 TRANSFER
- 4 SEARCH
- 5 GOTO

The computer will wait for you to press one of these numbers, 1 to 5.

STORE DATA: The screen will clear and when prompted, you must enter the first sprite that you wish to be saved followed by the last sprite that you wish to be saved.

After this a sub-menu will be displayed asking whether to store to disc, tape or program lines.

If you choose disc or tape, you will be asked to enter a file name. When the computer has finished saving it will return to the main screen.

If you choose program lines, you will be asked to stipulate the line at which to start the data. In this case the last sprite is ignored as only the first sprite will be stored. The values for this sprite are stored in data statements which are read by the Basic read command. The first value is the address of the sprite. To Poke the sprite into memory, have a line similar to:

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10 READ AD: FOR
1=OTO62:READX:POKEAD+1,X:NEXTI
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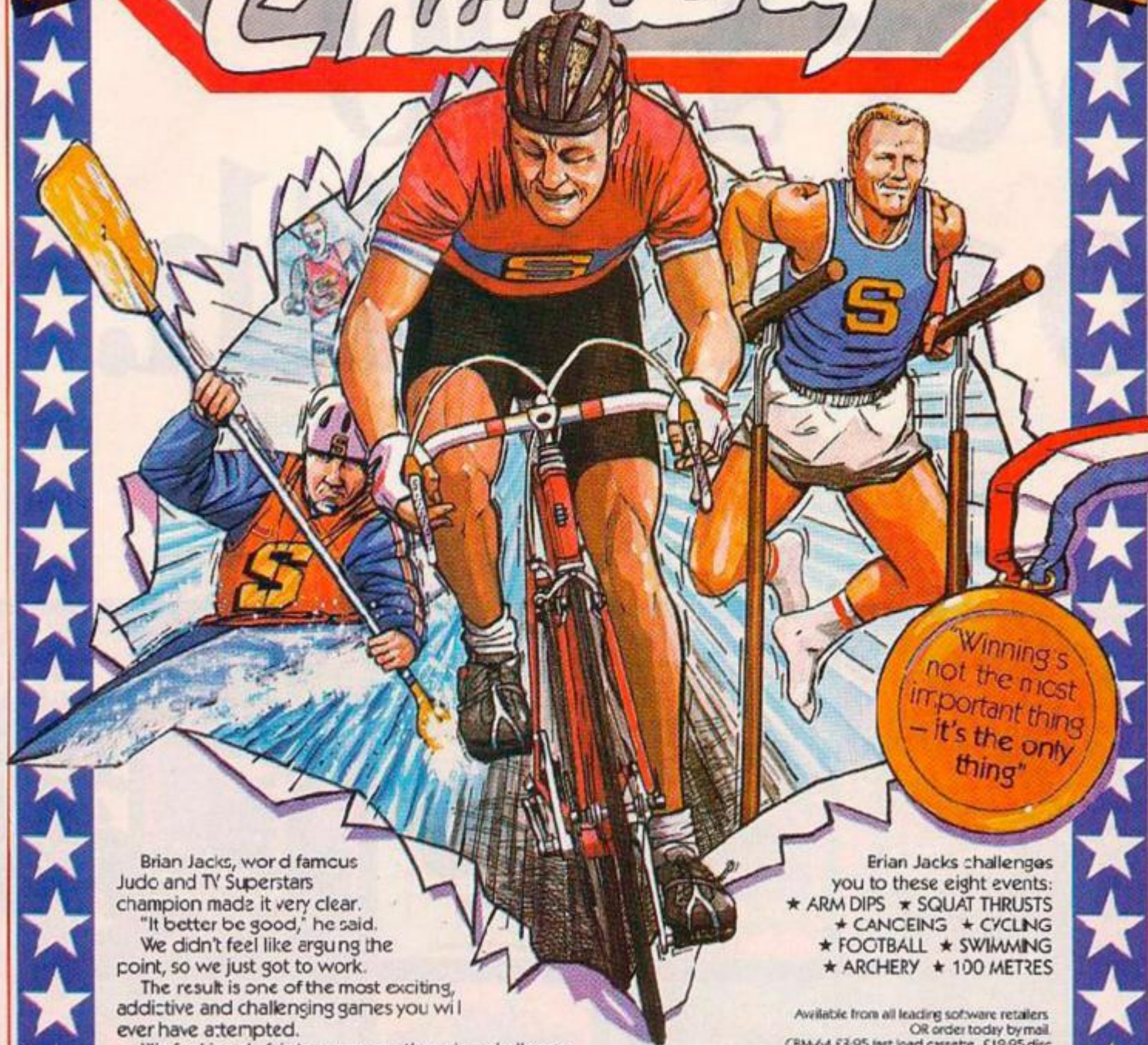
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INPUT DATA: This function allows you to load sprite data into memory. When prompted, you must enter the device number and the file name.

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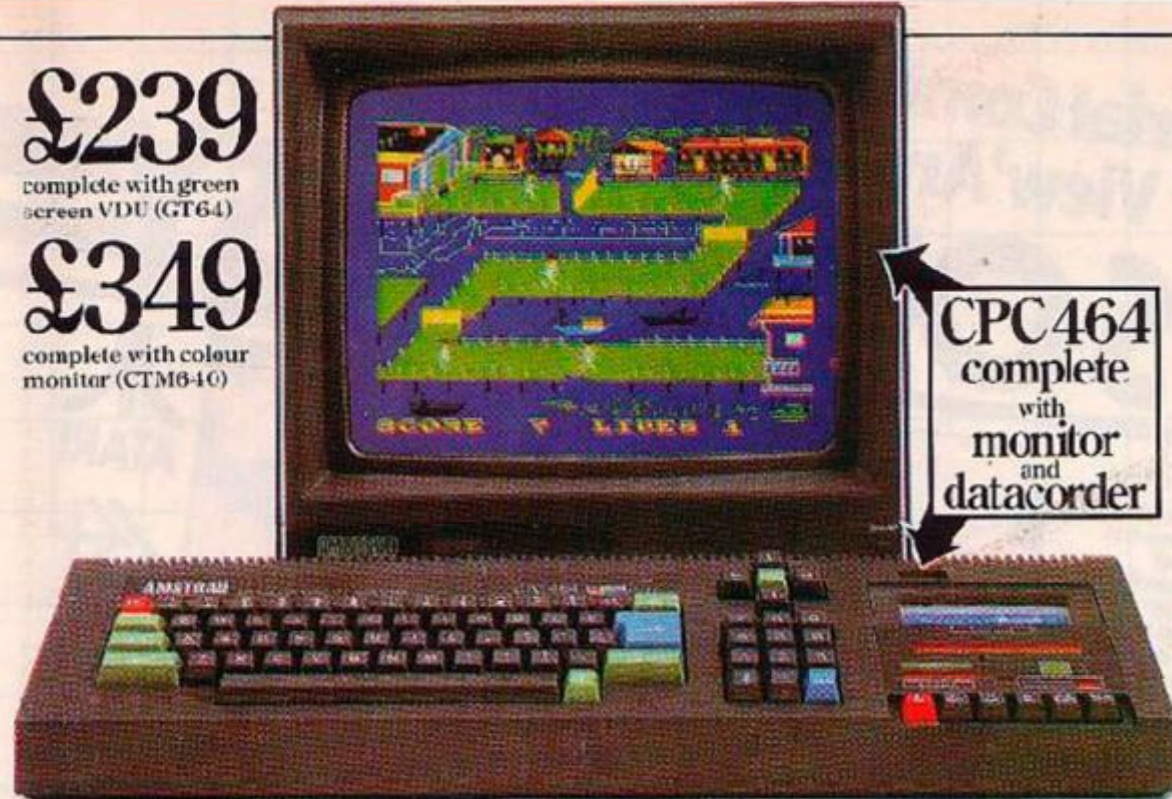
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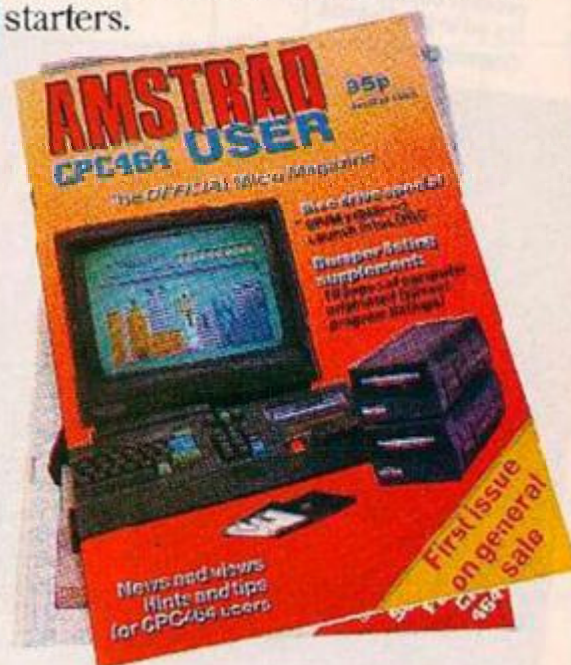
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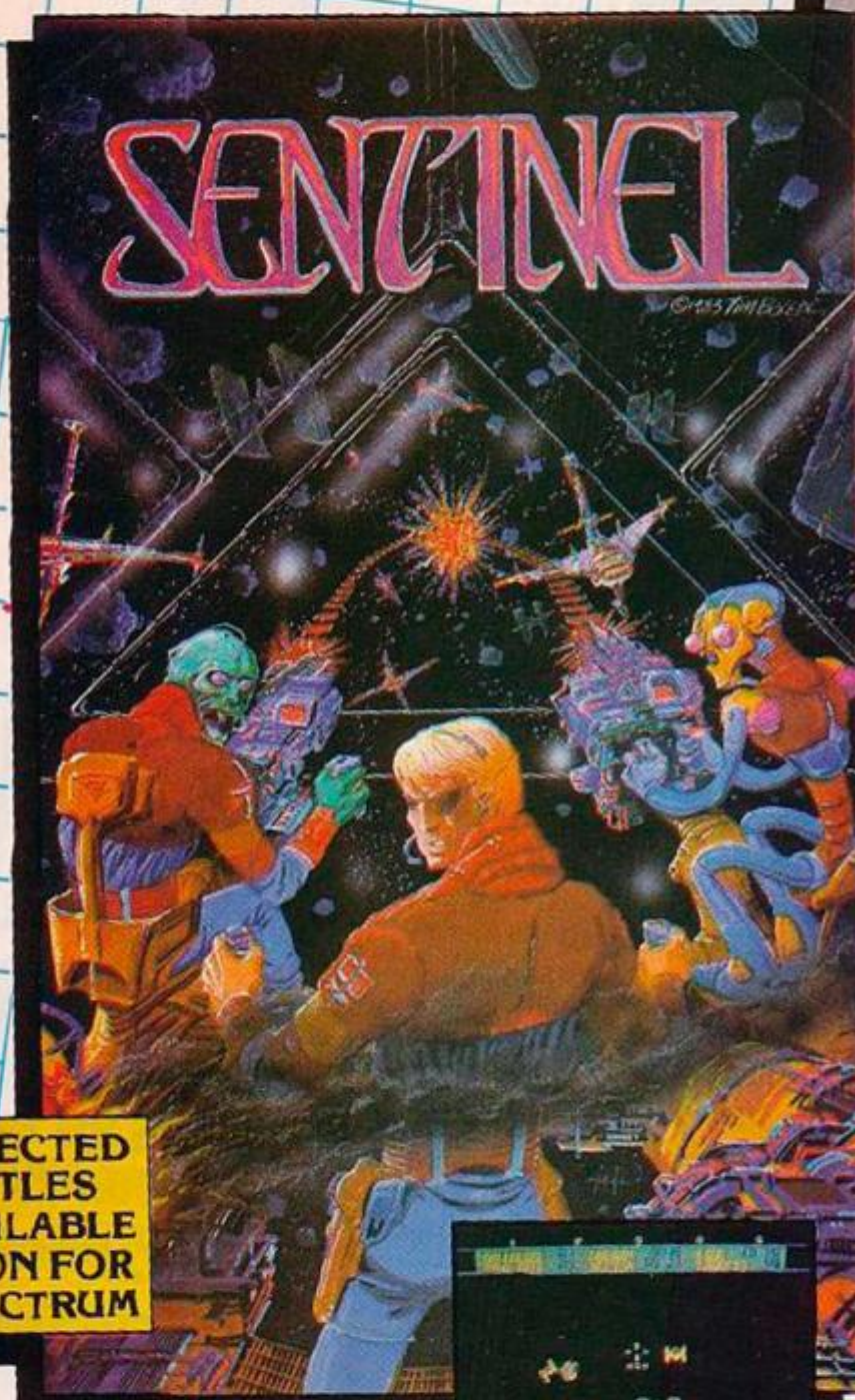
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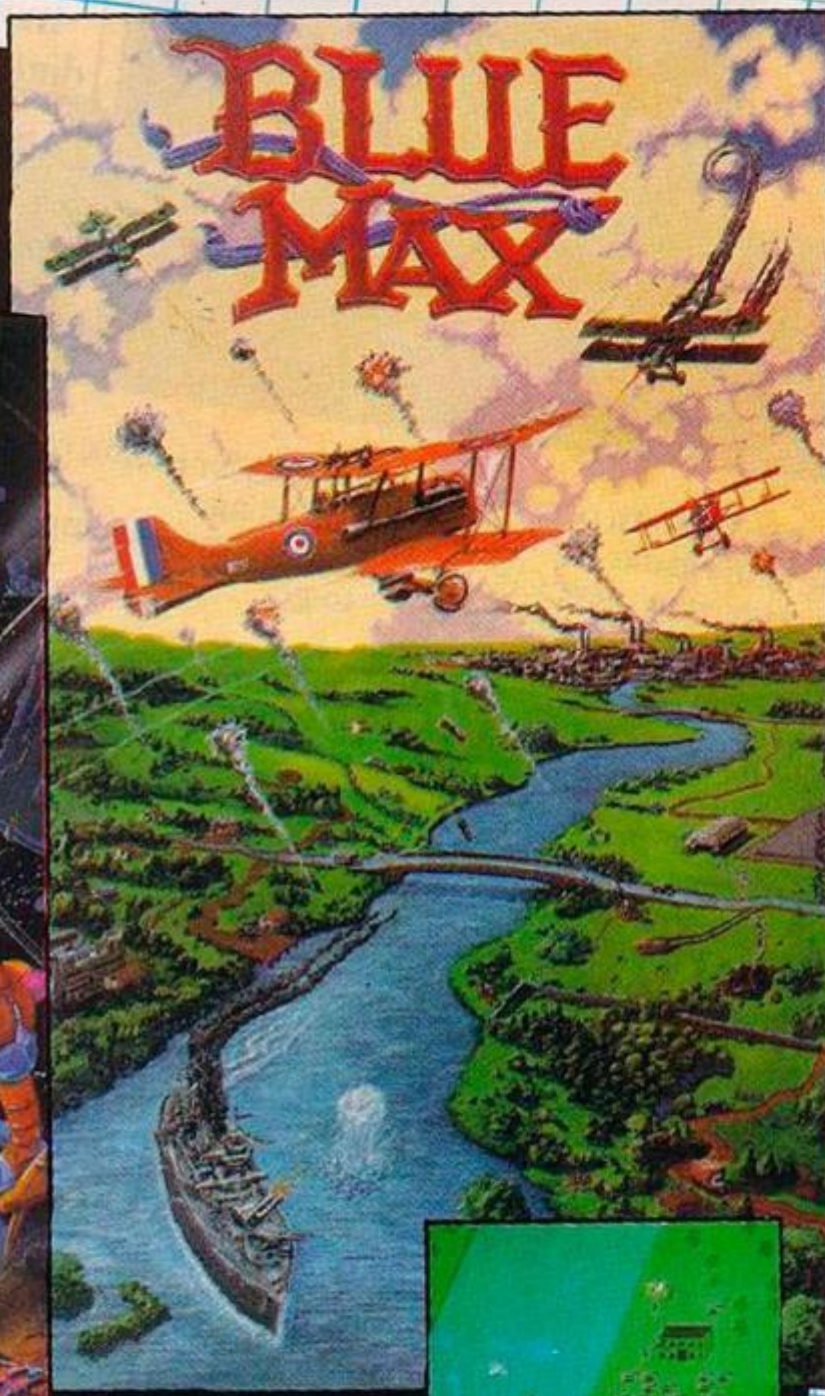
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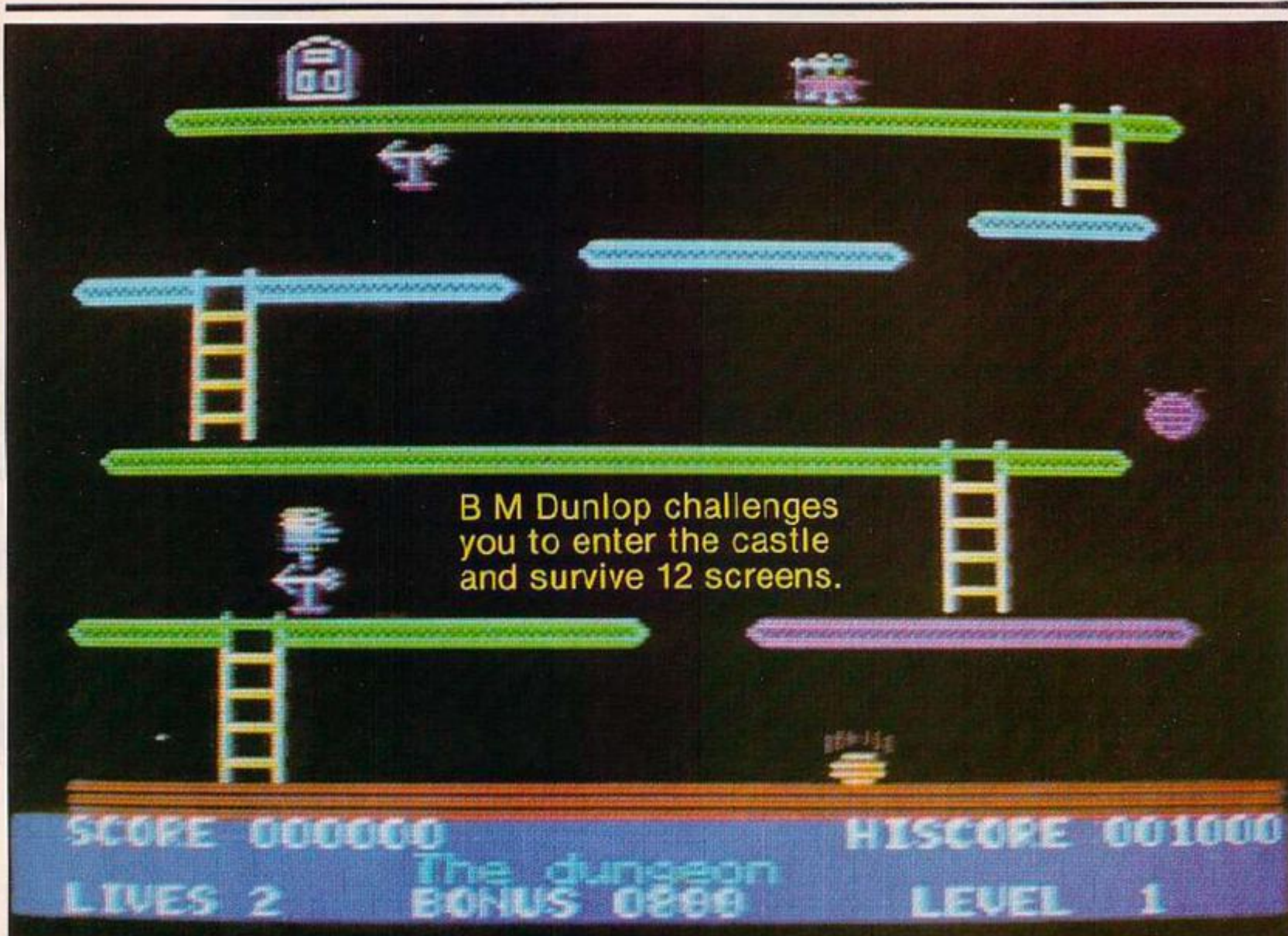
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Five lives are given at the start of each game plus one extra should you complete all 12 screens. Once one screen has been completed you are awarded a number of points depending on how long you took. The Escape key can be used to end a game at any point if you are feeling suicidal.

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To enter the program, first type in listing 1 and save it on cassette with: `OSAVE"CASTLE",AUTO`
Next, type `HIMEM7167`

Listing 2.

```
10 INPUT"Start address ('S' to end)":A
20 IF A#="S" THEN ENDESEC=B:A=VAL(" "+A)
30 PRINTID$(HEX$(A),2);
35 INPUTB$
40 IF B#="S" THEN ENDE
50 POKEA VAL(" "+B$)
60 A=A+1:C=C+VAL(" "+B$)
70 GOTO30
80 PRINT"CHECK"C
90 PRINT
100 GOTO10
```

then New and enter the machine-code loader — listing 2.

After listing 2 has been entered, type Run. The code in listing 3 can now be entered block by block. To do this, input the start address, then the numbers with a press of the Return key between each; enter S once a block has been completed. To help detect typing errors, the machine-code loader calculates the total sum of all the bytes in one block which can be

compared with the number given at the end of each block in the listing.

If the two numbers are not equal, then there is an error and the block will have to be re-entered. This method of error detecting although not infallible will uncover most mistakes.

After the whole of listing 3 is finished, firstly, well done, and secondly, position the cassette directly after listing 1 and enter the following:

```
POKE 4608C,96:CSAVE"CASTLE2",A,46080,
E47104,AUTO
POKE 6912,96:CSAVE"CASTLE3",A,6912,
E30720,AUTO
```

The game is now complete and runs automatically on `CLOAD"CASTLE"`

I see no reason why the game should not also work on the 48K Oric-1 but if you have an Atmos then you may wish to record the "error ignorer" program, printed in the manual, before listing 1.

Listing 1.

```
10 REM CREEP CASTLE: By B M Dunlop
20 REM OS: Oric Atmos
30 CLOAD"CASTLE"
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White Lightning is a complete games writing system comprising a high level Forth based, multi-tasking games writing language and a powerful Sprite Generator Program. No knowledge of machine code is required and the final machine code game, which can run independently of White Lightning, can be marketed with no restrictions whatsoever. Also, with the standard tape version, programs can even be written in a combination of Forth and BASIC.

Up to 255 sprites, each with its own user defined dimensions, can be scrolled, spun, refracted, enlarged or inverted with amazing speed and smoothness. Sprites can even stretch across several screens to scrolling landscapes are easy to achieve. Sinclair's own sound and graphics commands such as CIRCLE, DRAW and 3PEP are fully supported.

MULTI-TASKING Without doubt White Lightning's most innovative feature is its use of interrupts to effectively run two programs at once. This means that while one program smoothly scrolls a landscape in the background, a second can animate the characters.

SPRITE DESIGN White Lightning comes complete with a separate 20K program for developing sprites used in the main system. Not only can you use this to design your own sprites from scratch, it also comes complete with 68 pre-defined characters covering games like Asteroids, Pac-Man, Assault Course, Defender, Space Invaders, City Bomber, Lunar Lander, Frogger, Centipede, Donkey Kong and many, many more. These characters are ready to use or can be enhanced. And sprites can be saved to tape between editing sessions before being finally loaded into the main program.

Machine Lightning is an advanced games writing utility which includes a full Macro Assembler, a Monitor/Disassembler, a Sprite Generator Program and the object code for the White Lightning graphics routines which have almost 100 documented entry points in 3k of code. The comprehensive manual explains how to use two copies of the object code to run machine code routines concurrently using the Z80 interrupts. Games written using Machine Lightning can be marketed with no restrictions.

THE MACRO ASSEMBLER This is arguably the most comprehensive assembler yet available for the Spectrum 48k. It supports Macros, conditional assembly and a full screen editor, and occupies 16k of memory.

THE MONITOR/DISASSEMBLER As well as all the usual monitor features, Spectre-Mac allows up to 10 breakpoints in ROM or RAM, has front panel display and single stepping.

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2718 060010BF2D4310BF 214
2720 2D4710BE1E0010BF 1FF
2728 2D451702CC8E0462 24B
2730 9F888E2D62BD90E5 476
2738 17021F27FB9E8830 2B0
2740 02A7B4B159270781 2B6
2748 4E26ED1702B8861E 2D6
2750 B72D478E04001702 1D1
2758 BA1704FF1701C517 2C8
2760 02C31701F527F581 36F
2768 0310270371810926 15E
2770 138C05FF27E6E780 417
2778 10BE2D43312110BF 25F
2780 2D4320D581082615 229
2788 8C04027CFE78430 321
2790 1F10BE2D43313F10 1DD
2798 BF2D43203C815E26 310
27A0 398C04202512E784 28E
27A8 3088E010BE2D4331 307
27B0 ABE010BF2D4320A1 38E
27B8 10BE2D47108C0600 1E4
27C0 279A31ABE010BF2D 376
27C8 4710BE2D4331ABE0 33E
27D0 10BF2D4317023C16 1AA
27D8 FF7F810A263C8C05 2FC
27E0 DF2213C704308020 357
27E8 10BE2D4331AB2010 247
27F0 BF2D4316FF6310BE 375
27F8 2D47108C1BFF1024 25E
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2818 FF3F810C26061700 20E
2820 EF16FF35B15D2605 342
2828 3D3516FF2C811526 2BF
2830 058D4216FF23815F 2EC
2838 260617022E16FF19 1A1
2840 315B260917024C17 187
2848 01C4Y16FF0C811326 2A5
2850 0B341417046B1603 EF
2858 9D8D4C16FEFB3910 3CE
2860 BE2D45A6A2A72110 350
2868 BC2D4326F68660A7 3D5
2870 A41701YF3910BE2D 28F
2878 43A621A7A010EC2D 34A
2880 4526F68660B71DFF 41A
2888 17018839E7B410BE 312
2890 2D43108C1DDF220E 238
2898 300131211F10C41F 195
28A0 26F610BF2D433934 2C8
28A8 06810D26048DD020 248
28B0 318120254B4D2B0C 1C6
28B8 8140250681602504 1F6
28C0 84DF8840A78010BE 420
28C8 2D43108C1DFF250C 259
28D0 2704301F200CA7A4 1F1
28D8 301F2006A7A010BF 29B
28E0 2D438C05FF232710 25A
28E8 BE2D47108C1BFF24 30C
28F0 0731AB2010BF2D47 243
28F8 1701188E05E0200E 1D1
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2908 A7A010BF2D433586 341
2910 341010BE2D430660 260
2918 A780A7A01F10C41F 380
2920 26F4359034108D02 2B2
2928 35907A2D42260B86 265
2930 3CB72D42A6848840 354
2938 A7848E0320301F26 251
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2948 FF022B02CA4039C6 337
2950 7FF7FF02F6FF00C4 530
2958 403934148D034D35 1D3
2960 94327EEE01517FFF 3A2

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2968 02F6FF00CA80E184 4A6
2970 27721F9873FF028D 351
2978 C9C1FF2667A7806F 4AC
2980 E4C6FEF7FF028DBA 5E7
2988 E761E884E484A661 523
2990 A7805D260A6CE443 347
2998 79FF0225E920459E 38E
29A0 978D9A1E898D9BE1 46E
29A8 611EB92637A6E480 36F
29B0 088B085424FB4D27 282
29B8 32B10C2517811125 1B2
29C0 28B12A22228B308D 25F
29C8 8627127D0149260D 1B9
29D0 8A2020098B3017FF 2A4
29D8 7626028010811226 1E7
29E0 047301494F359080 255
29E8 1A800B4817FF6026 289
29F0 014C8E2D26A68620 27A
29F8 F4C6A08E0400E780 403
2A00 BC05FF23F9398E06 379
2A08 008660A7808C1E01 2B8
2A10 26F939108E2D47CE 368
2A18 0400A6A0A7C01183 345
2A20 060026F63934167D 222
2A28 2D49261FB6FF008A 2FA
2A30 C081FF26057F2D4A 361
2A38 202F7C2D4AB62D4A 26F
2A40 3164252586FFB72D 39B
2A48 49201E7FFF02B6FF 3BC
2A50 008AC081FF26057F 374
2A58 2D49200D8E015186 209
2A60 FF5FA7855CC10823 3D2
2A68 F9359634108D5E10 303
2A70 8C1DDF2218A6AB20 330
2A78 A7A0108C1DDF23F5 3F7
2A80 CE1DE08660A7C011 429
2A88 031C0026F0351017 21B
2A90 FF813934108D3631 2F1
2A98 AB2010BF2D4B108C 2AB
2AA0 1DFF2213108E1DFF 30B
2AA8 A6A8E0A7A410BC2D 472
2AB0 4B2304313F20F1FE 2F1
2AB8 2D4310BE2D4B31AB 2BF
2AC0 E010BF2D4317FE48 37C
2AC8 FF2D43359010BE2D 32F
2AD0 431F20C41F270631 1C3
2AD8 3F301F20F4393414 223

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2AE0 17FF16CC04009FB3 2E5
2AE8 BE2D75BD90E53514 3AB
2AF0 BD295A27FB813110 324
2AF8 2701038132273E81 1C4
2B00 3327178134270081 1DB
2B08 35102700FE813626 247
2B10 DF1600E417FEFC16 400
2B18 FBF63414860DB080 409
2B20 0C863EBD800C9E88 33F
2B28 BF2D4B170136C101 247
2B30 102700C217018A17 1B2
2B38 FED91600B9B6FF22 47D
2B40 8501102600B210BE 23C
2B48 2D4310BF2D4B3414 1FF
2B50 17FEA68E2EE6B090 4AA
2B58 E517FDFF27FB8159 4F3
2B60 2608B62D62BD800F 2BF
2B68 200AB14E26E8B62D 2ED
2B70 61BD800F17FE828E 3D2
2B78 2EB3BD90E58D3B10 3BB
2B80 BE060010BF2D47A6 27D
2B88 A0B1602604852020 271
2B90 0E81612504804020 1F9
2B98 06811F22028B608D 272
2BA0 800F10BC2D4B2437 22E
2BA8 8D0917FDAD810327 302
2BB0 2E20D41F20C41F27 26B
2BB8 0139860DBD800FFE 317
2BC0 2D4711831BFF2416 25C

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To delete use Shift and left arrow key. To insert whole lines use Shift and down arrow key. To delete whole lines use Shift and up arrow. Shift and 0 put you into lower case — green on black — as normal. The clear key deletes from the cursor to the end of the line.

Each file is 12 screens in length — 6144 characters.

Pressing the break key gives you a menu with single key commands. Pressing key 1 exits the program and enables you to save files to tape as per addresses displayed.

Pressing key 2 dumps current file to printer up to the cursor position. Make sure the cursor is placed at the end of text required.

Pressing key 3 is a search facility which requires you to enter a target string of up to 19 characters in length.

The search is performed from the cursor position plus one to the end of the file. If the target string is not found the cursor returns to the beginning of text else the cursor is placed on the target string. Pressing Shift and @ continues search for any reoccurrence of the target string.

Pressing key 4 clears the current file. Accidental presses of this key can be corrected by pressing Y to the question "old text? (Y or N)".

Pressing key 5 gives you the option to swap the current file with any of the other three.

Pressing key 6 just returns from menu to the current position in text.

Program 1.

```
10 CLS
20 CLEAR200,9999
30 INPUT"START ADDRESS"ST$:PRINT
40 ST=VAL("&H"+ST$)
50 PRINTHEX$(ST):" "
60 LINEINPUT#
70 CO=0
80 FORI=1TOLEN(C$)STEP2
90 P$=MID$(A$,I,2)
100 POKEINT(I/2+ST,VAL("&H"+P$))
110 CO=CO+VAL("&H"+P$)
120 NEXTI
130 LINEINPUTCH$
140 IFCH$(">")HEX$(CO) THENPRINT"error
  - retry:"GOTO30
150 ST=ST+8
160 GOTO50
```

Simon Tully and a
machine-code word-
processing program
for the Dragon.

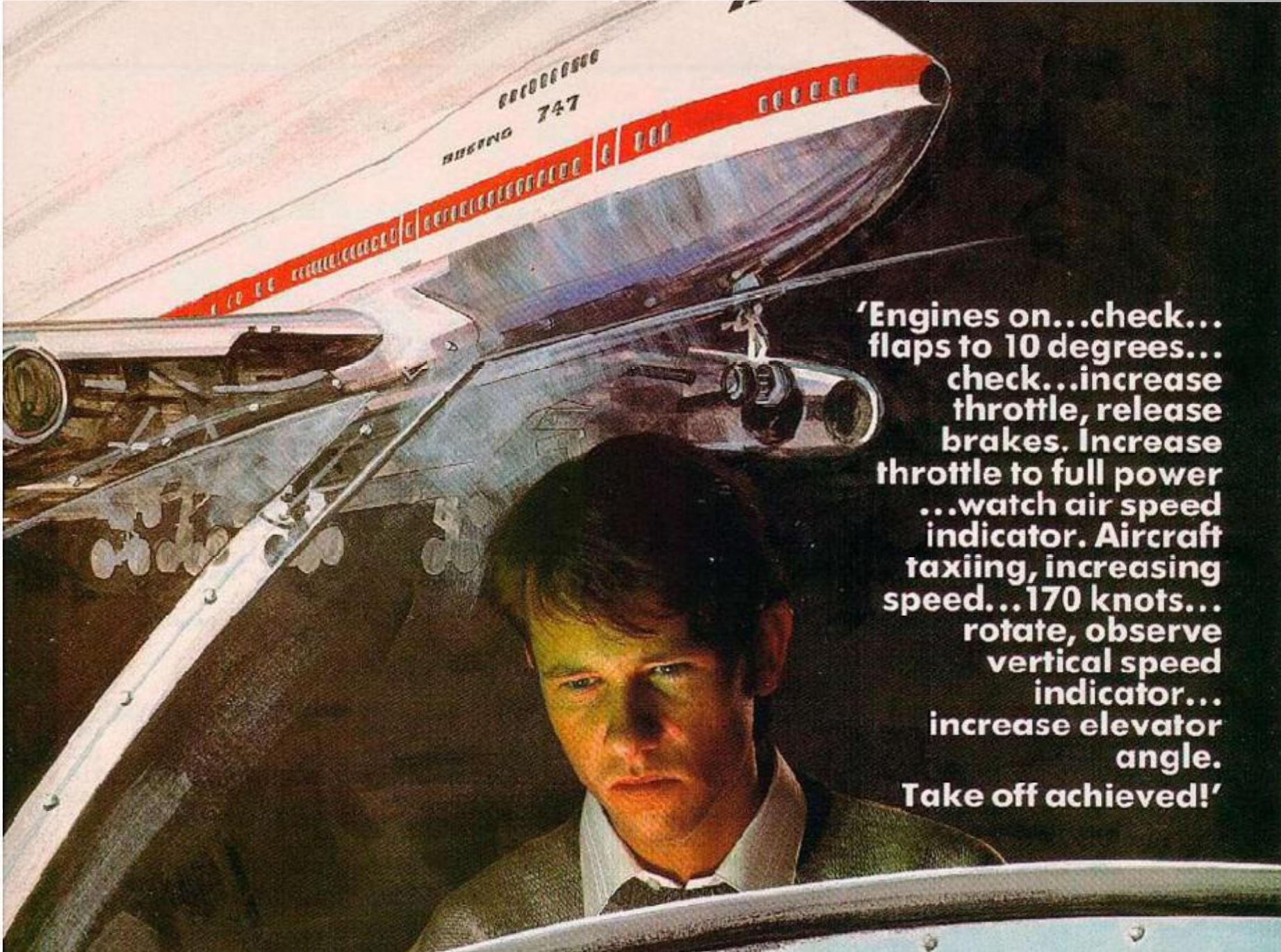


Text is typed in the normal way with auto key repeat if a key is depressed for two seconds. You control the cursor with the arrow keys. To insert a single character from the cursor use Shift and right arrow key together.

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2BC8 33C820FF2D47FE2D 3B9
2BD0 4333C820FF2D4334 301
2BD8 2017FE373520398D 287
2BE0 D935148E0400108E 252
2BE8 060010DF2D4710DF 210
2BF0 2D4320048DC43514 22E
2BF8 17FE1816FB5B8E2D 354
2C00 E9A6802705BD800C 384
2C08 20F73917FDEB8E04 3E1
2C10 009F888E2E97BD90 3C7
2C18 E517FD3E27FB8132 40C
2C20 2605BE32C8201081 264
2C28 332605BE4AC92007 226
2C30 813426E5BE62CA10 38A
2C38 8E0600A6B4E6A4E7 42F
2C40 80A7A010BC1E0026 2A7
2C48 F28E0400108E0600 228
2C50 10BF2D4310BF2D47 282
2C58 16FF9DE684C840E7 50B
2C60 84C840398E2D4DC6 393
2C68 018DE505810B2607 22E
2C70 5A27F1301F204581 2A7
2C78 15260A5A27E68608 23A
2C80 8DB54A20F6810D26 386
2C88 044F6F8439812025 245
2C90 DB22098660A78086 396
2C98 205C2020817B24C9 2A5
2CA0 B72D4B4D2B0C8140 274
2CAB 25068160250484DF 298
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2CB0 8840C11424B3A7B0 39B
2CB8 5CB62D4EBDB54A20 366
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2CC8 2D4DA1A0270810BC 286
2CD0 1E0025F6203E8E2D 252
2CD8 4E10BF2D4BA68027 2E2
2CE0 08A1A426E2312120 2C7
2CE8 F410BE2D4B313F10 2BA
2CF0 BF2D4317FDD710BC 3B6
2CF8 1C1F23053108E020 23C
2D00 F510BF2D47FC2D43 3A4
2D08 B32D471F01308904 204
2D10 00AF63398E0400AF 28C
2D18 63108E060010BF2D 203
2D20 4310BF2D47393012 201
2D28 2C3C2D3D2E3E2F3F 1AC
2D30 40135E5F0A5B0815 192
2D38 095D20200D0D0C5C 128
2D40 03033606051E0006 6B
2D48 0000000062000000 26
2D50 0000000000000000 0
2D58 0000000000000000 0
2D60 000F0E4F4C442054 170
2D68 4558543F20285920 1F1
2D70 4F52204E2900312E 197
2D78 2020204558495420 1BA
2D80 50524F4752414D20 238
2D88 0D322E2020205052 16F
2D90 494E54204F555420 223
```

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2DA0 2046494E44204120 1C2
2DA8 535452494E470D34 218
2DB0 2E202020434C4541 1A3
2DB8 52204D454D4F5259 24B
2DC0 200D352E20202053 143
2DC8 57415020424C4F43 228
2DD0 485320200D362E20 16F
2DD8 202052455455524E 220
2DE0 202020202020200D ED
2DE8 000D544F20534156 1BA
2DF0 4520544558542046 210
2DF8 494C453A0D424C4F 1FE
2E00 434E0D3153542E53 1F4
2E08 544152543D313533 211
2E10 362020454E443D37 1C1
2E18 3638300D324E442E 19D
2E20 53544152543D3133 22F
2E28 30303020454E443D 1C4
2E30 31393134340D3352 195
2E38 442E53544152543D 23D
2E40 313931343520454E 1B7
2E48 443D32353238390D 198
2E50 3454482E53544152 238
2E58 543D323532393020 1B3
2E60 454E443D33313433 1DF
2E68 340D43534156454D 200
2E70 224E414D45222C53 1E4
2E78 544152542C454E44 23E
2E80 2C300D007072696E 222
2E88 74696E6720696E20 2C9
2E90 70726F6365737300 2FF
2E98 5357415020315354 233
2EA0 20424C4F434B2057 202
2EA8 4954483A0D4B4559 215
2EB0 203220202020324E 152
2EB8 4420424C4F434B0D 1DC
2EC0 4B45592033202020 19C
2EC8 2033524420424C4F 1E6
2ED0 434E0D4B45592034 1D8
2ED8 2020202034544820 170
2EE0 424C4F434B0D0044 1BC
2EE8 4F20594F55205741 224
2EF0 4E5420444F55424C 238
2EF8 452057494454483F 224
2F00 0D2B59204F52204E 1BD
2F08 2900FFFFFFFFFFFF 623
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**'Engines on...check...
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brakes. Increase
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THIS ARTICLE is not a comparative review in the usual sense. Both of the languages are good and complete implementations and my main purpose is to compare the uses to which you may put them, not to recommend a best buy. The ADE system is designed and marketed by System, 12 Collegiate Crescent, Sheffield and BCPL is an Acornsoft language.

ADE: An ordinary assembler produces one machine-code instruction in the object code — the machine code that will control the computer — for each line of source code — the instructions that you type into the computer. That is a low level language. Basic, or BCPL, or Forth are high level languages because each instruction that you type may make the computer carry out hundreds or thousands of machine code instructions. The Basic instruction $X = \text{SQR}(Y)$, for example, would require at least a page of instructions if it was written down in machine code or assembler.

A macro assembler lies somewhere between the ordinary low level assembly language and the familiar high level languages. A "macro" is a set of low level instructions that you have written for your own purposes which you can insert into the object code program simply by typing the name of the macro into the source code.

Once the macro is written it can be put into a library and taken out and used whenever you wish. In other words you can build a set of high level instructions to your own design and fit them into place in your programs just like Basic commands.

ADE is supplied with a disc containing utility and demonstration programs. The demonstration is impressive and the SYSLIB file has a number of useful macro definitions. For example, figure 1 lists macros that will send an FX or an asterisk command to the machine operating system, and handle an error in your program.

```
10 REM DISC LABEL PRINTING PROGRAM
20 WIDE = 14
30 CLS
40 L1 = 8: REM NUMBER OF LINES ON LABEL
50 INPUT "HOW MANY TRACKS ON DISC" :%
70 REPEAT
80 PRINT "TITLE " :%
90 INPUT LINE :%
100 PRINT "TITLE 2 " :%
110 INPUT LINE :%
120 INPUT "HOW MANY COPIES " :%
130 #X6.0: REM LINE FEEDS ARE SENT TO
THE PRINTER
140 VDU2
160 REPEAT
```

Figure 2. A quick Basic program for printing disc labels.

Figure 3.

BBC computer
ELECTRONIC MAIL
Disc No.

```
170 VDU:27,1,69:PRINT "BBC COMPUTER"
180 PRINT:VDU1,WIDE:PRINT T%
190 PRINT:PRINT T%
200 FOR L=8 TO L1-5:PRINT:NEXT L
210 C=C+1
220 UNTIL C=8
240 VDU3
250 UNTIL FALSE
260 END
```

Figure 4. A four function calculation written in BCPL.

```
and calculator() be
$(
  let final.answer = 0
  writes ("Calculator *n")
  newline()
  final.answer := expression()
  writef (" %N", final.answer)
  delay(200)
$)
and expression() = valof
$(
  let answer,newno = 0,0
  let operator = '+'
  until operator = '=' do
  $(
    newno := readn()
    switchon operator into
    $(
      case '+': answer := answer + newno; endcase
      case '-': answer := answer - newno; endcase
      case '*': answer := answer * newno; endcase
      case '/': answer := answer / newno; endcase
    $)
    operator := rdch()
  $)
  result is answer
$)
```

John Dawson takes a look at two languages for the BBC.

BBC ADE AND BCPL

Each of the macro definitions is well documented and you should be able to see how easy it is to create your own high level instructions. Parameters are values that are passed from the main program into a macro or a subroutine. Parameter passing is very

important since it determines the usefulness of any language, not just assembler.

The ADE macro assembler has good facilities to pass parameters into macros. The Error macro shows how a number may be used in the source code and, also, how the address of a string can be passed.

The E part of ADE is a sophisticated text editor for preparing and modifying the source code. Each package that appears has to have its own editor; BCPL has two, one large and one tiny, and Multi-Forth 83 has another. It is a complex job trying to learn three or four different sets of editing key functions and I try to use View for all my source code editing.

Each of the others has advantages — better printer control, more advanced search and replace facilities — better block moves and so on — but they take so long to look up in the manuals that you use more time than you save.

In ADE's defence I must say that the editor includes all the facilities you might need for word processing although the commands are at a comparatively low level. Nevertheless, it can be used for general-purpose text preparation, the ADE manual was written with the editor for example, and you could do much worse than to standardise on the ADE system. This is particularly true since ADE have rewritten the editor to work in an 80-column mode and with the second processor.

The third part of the ADE package is the SPY front panel monitor. "Front panel" refers to the days — about six years ago! — when microcomputers, and big PDP mini-computers as well, displayed the internal state

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of the machine on serried ranks of lights on the front panel. Each light represented a binary bit in an internal register or buffer and the state of each bit could be altered by equally serried ranks of switches.

SPY can be entered from a running program or from the command state. The front panel monitor commands allow you to view a section of memory either from an address set by you or from the program counter. This means that the current section of a machine code program is listed in the memory block. You can jump automatically to the address following a JSR — Jump to sub-routine instruction — and search for a specific byte pattern.

Further commands allow you to modify the contents of memory locations one at a time or in blocks, shift blocks of memory and compare the contents of two blocks. You can alter the 65C2 registers, single-step your way through a program, continue running a program and start execution from a specified address. It's a good monitor.

Comprehensive instructions

ADE is completed by a comprehensive instruction manual which is properly printed, well laid out with a table of contents and an index, and plenty of examples.

The real difference between a good macro-assembler and the Basic interpreter supplied with the BBC Microcomputer is exemplified by the program listed in figure 2. I dislike untidy labels on my floppy discs and so I wanted to print a set of labels in a standard format. Figure 3 shows how the disc titles appear when they are printed on single-width continuous sticky labels.

It took about 15 minutes to write the program in figure 2, and a further 15 or 20 minutes to edit it until I achieved the layout that I wanted. Basic makes this type of job terribly easy. The program remains in the computer all the time and can be summoned up on to the screen for instant modification. Speed is wholly unimportant in this application. The number of lines to be printed can be altered very quickly until the program stays in synchronisation with the sticky labels.

All of these things are more difficult with an assembler. A macro assembler scores heavily where you are writing your own special-purpose interpreter, a print formatting program for example — there's one included in its source code form with ADE — high-speed data acquisition in a laboratory, text handling programs for which Basic is less well suited, and so on.

CONCLUSIONS

- Once you have become familiar with the BCPL language progress in programming will be quite fast. An additional floating point package is available containing trigonometric and logarithmic functions. While you require the BCPL Rom to run the intermediate code produced by the BCPL compiler, you can obtain a program which produces stand-alone machine code which will execute on either the BBC Micro or other 6502 based machines.
- The recent price cut from £95 to

Figure 1. Macro definitions from the ADE SYSLIB library.

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| <pre> *****FX***** ; 3 parameters ; A register value ; X register value ; Y register value ; note values can be expressions ; as well as constants ; examples ; FX 4,1,0 ; FX 200 MASK,0 FX MACRO LDA 2@1 LDX 2@2 LDY 2@3 JSR &FFF4 ENDM </pre> | <pre> *****ERROR***** ; cause error using BRK ; two parameters ; @1 = error number ; @2 = error message ; example ; ERROR 147, Value too big ERROR MACRO BRK @1 ASC '@2' BRK ENDM </pre> | <pre> *****STAR***** ; issue simple star * command ; 1 parameter, text of command ; examples ; STAR BASIC ; STAR ;catalog ; Note position of CONT, since ; ENDM cannot have a label. STAR MACRO LDX 2@1 LDY 2@2 JSR &FFF7 JMP ..CONT ..L1 STR '@' ..CONT ENDM </pre> |
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BCPL: This is a compiler language, unlike Basic, and was written by Martin Richards in 1967. It has been a stable language since about 1972 and the version offered for the BBC Micro is a full implementation of the BCPL standard Level 0 with some extensions and machine specific procedures.

A compiler works rather like an assembler; after typing in the source code for a program, the language reads the instructions, checks them for mistakes and compiles an object program which will be smaller than the original source and will run very quickly. The source code can be erased from the computer after storing it on disc.

The BBC version compiles the source code to an intermediate code — Cintcode — which is then interpreted by the BCPL Rom. This half-way approach is not the compromise that it seems and BBC BCPL does offer speed advantages over an already very fast Basic together with some portability between different machines.

If the program turns out to contain an error when the object program is executed, you must reload the source code, correct the error using a word processor or text editor, recompile the object code and try again. The language you are using may or may not give you an indication of where the program failed.

BCPL uses compiler

You can see that a number of files have to be loaded into the computer during the compilation process. BCPL uses the compiler itself and at least three other programs that are resident in memory at the same time or overlaid. If you want to debug the program you will need to load at least one other file and possibly two or three more.

I wouldn't try to use BCPL without one disc drive and for serious work I think you'll need two drives. This will allow you to keep the compiler and the test programs on one

drive, and source and object code on the other.

The user guide does explain how you can separate the development programs from the other utilities for testing the Cintcode but if you start to write a program of any size, and keep backup copies of the source and object code, your disc will fill up rapidly.

BCPL is a block-structured language like Pascal and Algol. The syntax of BCPL allows you to write well structured programs which do not use Goto instructions or labels. Indeed, the Goto instruction in BCPL will only work within a comparatively limited range.

Calculates a new answer

Unlike Basic, which separates data into numbers — integers and reals — and strings, BCPL makes no distinction and you can happily add the letter G to the number 173 to produce a nonsense result. This raivety on the part of the language is actually very helpful in many applications.

Figure 4 shows two declarations which act as a simple four function calculator on signed 16 bit integers. The function — a procedure which returns a value — "expression" declares three local variables and then loops round the block of commands following:

until operator = '+' do
until the end of the calculation is reached.
Every operator that is read calculates a new answer which is eventually passed back to the procedure "calculator" and printed.

It took about 15-20 hours before I felt any familiarity with BCPL at all. The user guide supplied with the BCPL ROM and floppy disc, is 450 pages long, packed with information and insufficient on its own. The manual states:

"The book *Beginning BCPL on the BBC Microcomputer* by Paul Martin published by Acornsoft, provides a suitable introduction to the language."

That may well be so but try and get hold of a copy before you believe it exists.

BCPL is like the Skywave Multi-Forth 83 package in that it contains its own 6502 assembler. Also, like Multi-Forth 83, BCPL has the facility to run more than one task simultaneously. The BCPL assembler produces relocatable object code which can be loaded and run at any address.

You can write a source code program that will produce relocatable machine code using the ADE macro assembler but you need to plan how you are going to do this very carefully in advance of starting to type.

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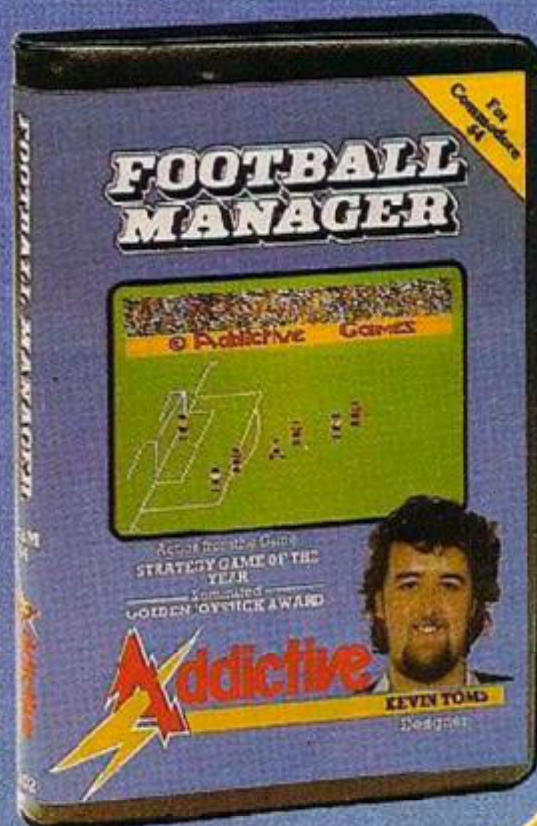
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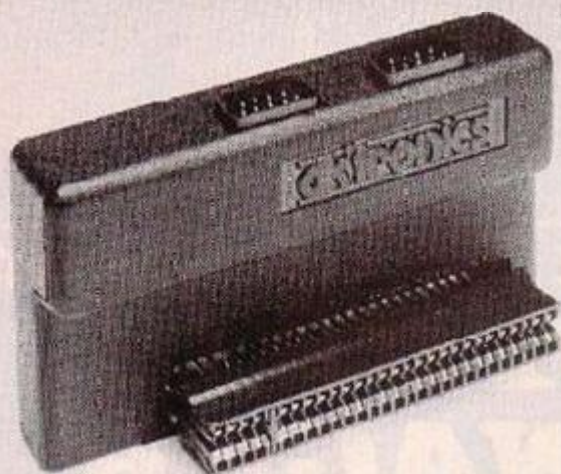
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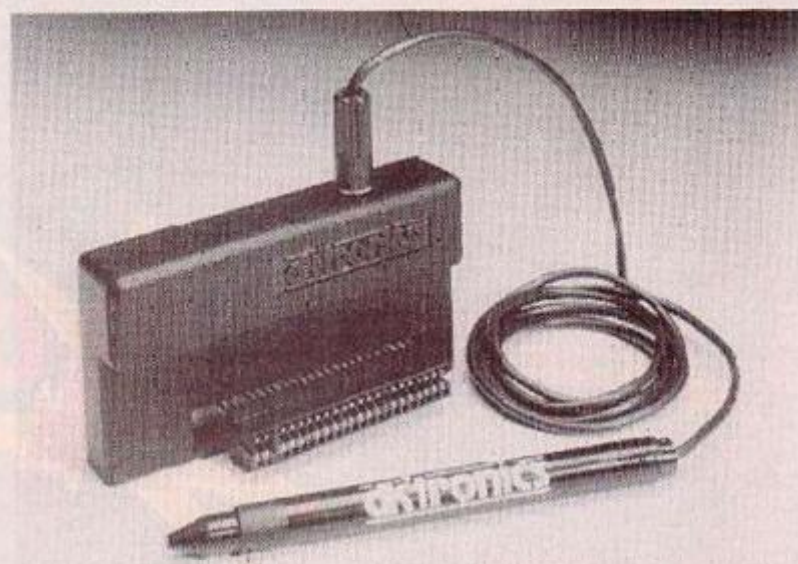
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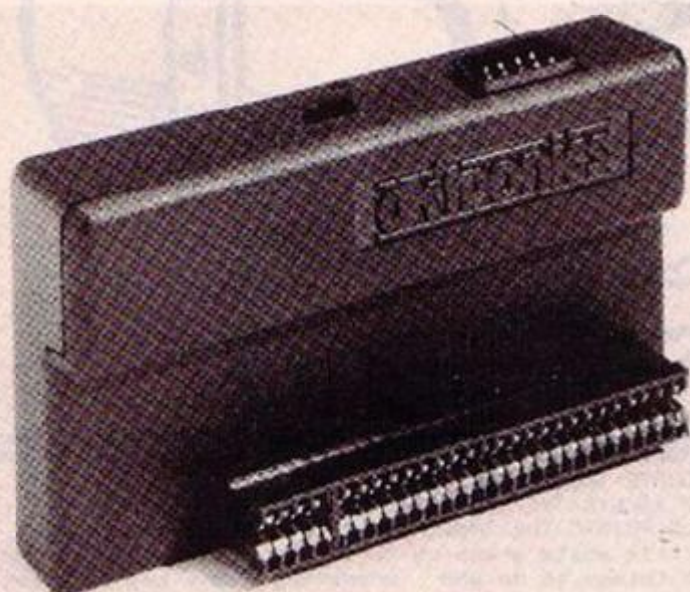
To produce software capable of performing just this one task would be difficult if not impossible, especially when you consider that to produce arcade type sound effects requires even greater attention.

The production of these sound effects without the constant attention of the processor is now possible thanks to the AY Sound Chip. its flexibility makes it essential for a wide range of applications including music synthesis and sound effects generation, continuing the monitoring and production of sound after the initial command.

More often than not realistic sounds require more than one effect and this function is provided by 3 independently controlled channels, as an example compare the sound produced by the single note of 'C' with that produced by the chord 'C' and you will know just what I mean, likewise producing the sound of an explosion using all 3 channels gives games a totally new dimension.

Add to this the ability to alter the pitch tone and shape of the sound you have produced and it's flexibility is unlimited. In simple terms, imagine the note you have produced as a calm sea, by altering the pitch and shape you can produce waves, the top of the wave corresponds with the maximum volume and pitch of the note, which like the wave itself rises and falls.

Programmable



At last! A fully programmable joystick interface with feed through connector that really works!

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Speech Synthesizer

The speech synthesizer uses the popular SL0/256 speech chip and has an almost infinite vocabulary. It is supplied with a text to speech converter for ease of speech output creation. Everything you wish to be spoken is entered in normal English, without special control codes or characters, it is therefore extremely easy to use. The voicing of the words is completely user transparent and the computer can carry on its normal running of a program while the speech chip is talking.

Although there are only 26 letters in the alphabet, letters have a totally different sound when used in different words. For example, the 'a' in Hay is much longer and softer than in Hat. When you speak you automatically make adjustments because you know just how a word should sound. Not quite so easy with a computer. After looking at other speech synthesizers we decided that it was essential that the DK'tronics Spectrum Speech would offer a simple system that would enable the user to produce realistic speech that was instantly recognisable.

The solution to the problem was extremely complicated, it required hours of programming to enable the computer to look at the individual letters that make up each word and compare their relative position to each other before deciding on the appropriate sound.

I consider this to be the best Spectrum Speech Synthesizer on the market. From good computer shops everywhere at only £24.95 or direct from DK'tronics, add £1.50 post & packing

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The new Dk'tronics Parallel Centronics Interface will link your Spectrum to any printer with a standard centronics input. As the choice is vast, you can select the printer exactly suited to your needs.

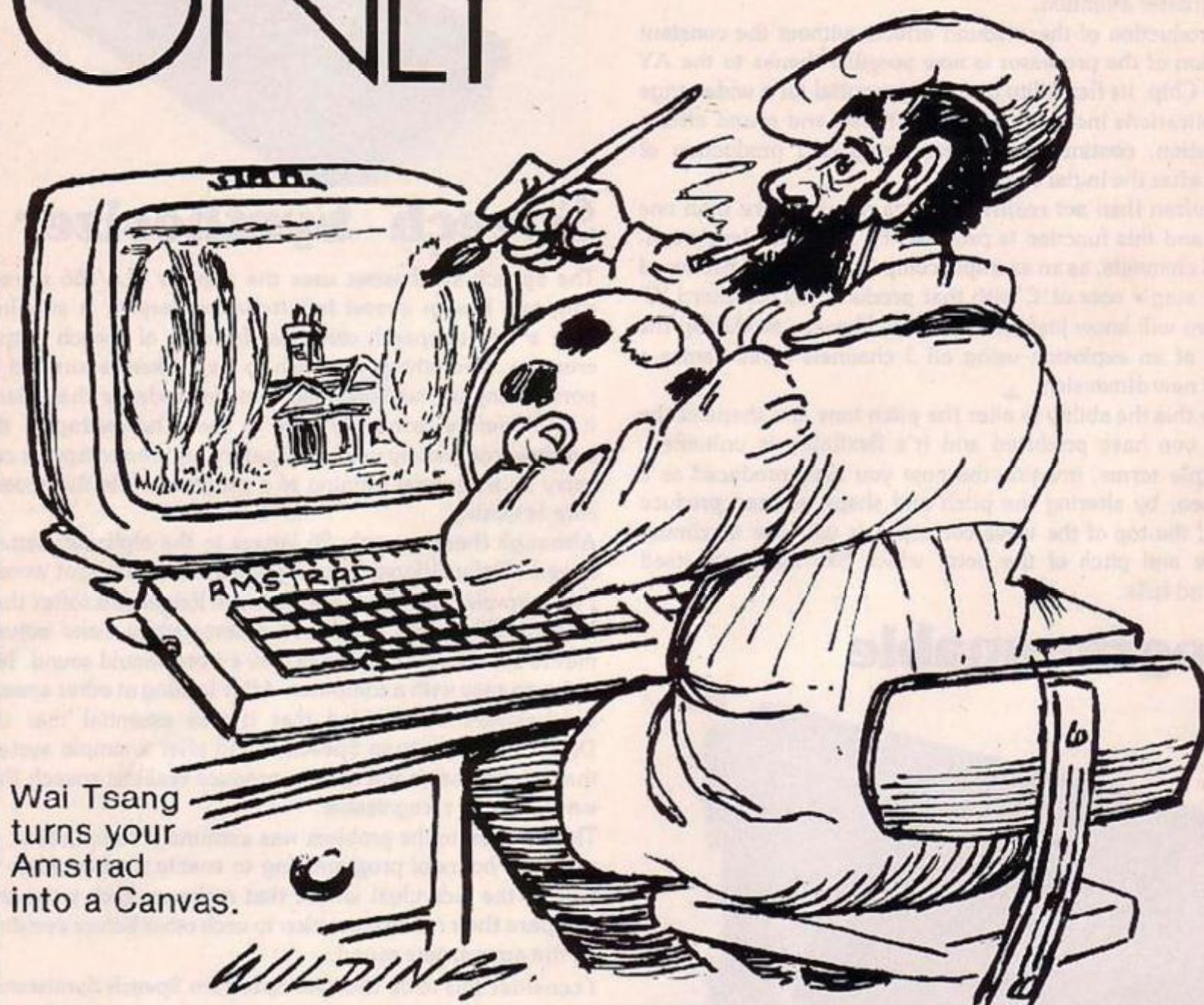
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Supplied with full instructions and controlling software. From good computer shops everywhere and sensibly priced at only £39.95 or direct from DK'tronics, add £1.50 post & packing.

ARTISTS ONLY

ARTISTS ONLY is a drawing program for the Amstrad. It offers line drawing, circle plotting, and airbrush facilities, as well as routines for saving a drawing on tape or taking a screen dump on a printer. You can use the keyboard or a joystick. Full instructions are included in the program.

As it stands the program does not allow you to change the ink and paper colours. It is reasonably well structured, however, and you should have no trouble adding further options. These could also include a free-hand drawing facility and a fill routine.



Wai Tsang
turns your
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into a Canvas.

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10 REM*****
20 REM*Program:ARTISTS ONLY
30 REM*A utility or something to do on a rainy day*
40 REM*By Wai Tsang and MEMPHIS SOFT*
50 REM*29/12/84 to 1/1/85,1 am*
60 REM*Written so that it might get published in YOUR COMPUTER.*
70 REM*****
80 CLS:PRINT " This program turns your CPC 464 into a working sketch pad with facilities such as an AIR BRUSH, a LINE DRAWER, a routine which enables you to draw CIRCLES easily, and last but not least a RUBBER."
90 PRINT:PRINT " You can also save your drawings on cassette to be finished later or to be kept and used in your own programs."
100 PRINT " The final drawing can be dumped to a printer. To do this or to save your drawing on cassette press (G) and then follow the simple yes or no questions."
110 PRINT:PRINT " If you are a sucker for your own works of art and you don't have a printer then you should load the programs onto the screen using PROGRAM 2 and then admire your master piece fresh from the tape you saved it on earlier"
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120 LOCATE 10,24:PRINT "PRESS A KEY"
130 IF INKEY#<>"" THEN 140 ELSE 130
140 CLS:PRINT " The instructions are simple. Position the little white graphics cursor to the place where you want things to be and press the right key to change the mode."
150 PRINT:PRINT " The cursor is moved using the joystick but if you pick the all key board option then you use the numeric key pad where UP=8,RIGHT=6,DOWN=2,LEFT=4
160 PRINT " To set the position of a point or to turn something on and off press the FIREBUTTON on joystick or if you're using the key board then on the numeric pad press '5'."
170 PRINT:PRINT " For the different modes its 'L' for LINE DRAWER, 'C' for CIRCLE DRAWER, 'A' for AIR BRUSH, 'E' for ERASER and 'Q' to QUIT."
180 PRINT " The size of the AIR BRUSH's spray can be changed using the UP and DOWN ARROW KEYS on the cursor cluster."
190 LOCATE 10,24:PRINT "PRESS A KEY"
200 IF INKEY#<>"" THEN 210 ELSE 200
210 CLS:PRINT " Lastly for the screen dump and the save to cassette press (Q)UIT and you can still return t
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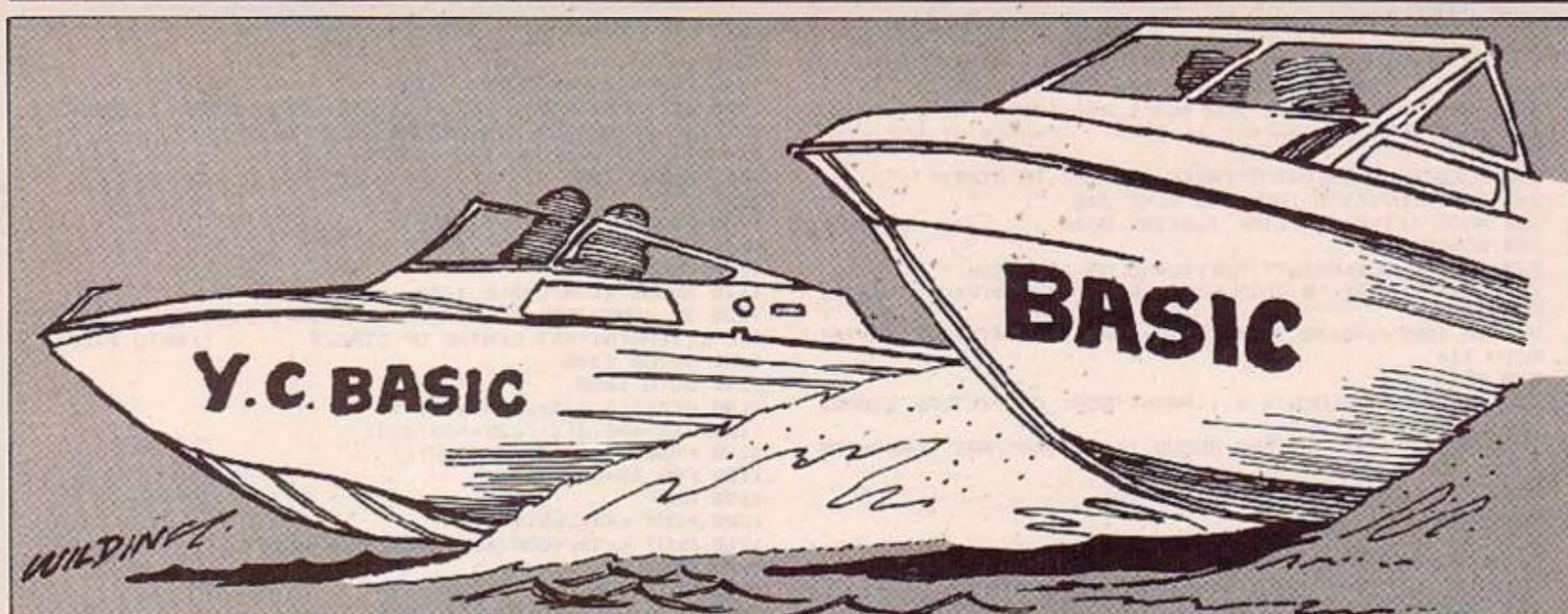
o your drawing after saving it or you can take a
rest and load it in later and then finish it."
220 PRINT "Incidentally you start off in the LINE DRAW
ING mode with the cursor in the centre of the scre
en."
230 LOCATE 10,15:PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO START"
240 IF INKEY=<> THEN 250 ELSE 240
250 MODE 1:INK 0,27:INK 1,0:INK 2,26
260 GOSUB 1460
270 LOCATE 8,1:PRINT "(K)EYBOARD OR (J)OYSTK."
280 IF INKEY(37)=0 THEN UX=11:DZ=14:JZ=20:OZ=4:FZ=12:G
OTO 310
290 IF INKEY(45)=0 THEN UX=72:DZ=73:JZ=74:OZ=75:FZ=76:
GOTO 310
300 GOTO 280
310 GOSUB 1460:LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "WORK ON PICTURE STORED
ON CASSETTE (Y/N)"
320 IF INKEY(43)=0 THEN GOSUB 1460:LOAD "ART WORK":GOT
O 350
330 IF INKEY(46)=0 THEN GOTO 350
340 GOTO 320
350 SSZ=10
360 XZ=320:YZ=200
370 GOSUB 1460:LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "LINE DRAWER"
380 LOCATE 15,1:PRINT "SET FIRST POINT "
390 OZ=0
400 GOSUB 1430
410 GOSUB 1290
420 GOSUB 1390:GOSUB 1430
430 GOSUB 1240
440 GOSUB 1390
450 IF INKEY(FZ)=0 THEN GOTO 470
460 GOTO 400
470 IF OZ=1 THEN GOTO 540
480 AZ=XZ:BZ=YZ
490 OZ=1
500 SOUND 1,300
510 LOCATE 15,1:PRINT "SET SECOND POINT"
520 FOR S=1 TO 120:NEXT
530 GOTO 400
540 MOVE AZ,BZ
550 DRAW XZ,YZ,1
560 OZ=0
570 SOUND 1,200
580 LOCATE 15,1:PRINT "SET FIRST POINT "
590 FOR L=1 TO 100:NEXT
600 GOTO 400
610 *****Pixel brush routine*****
620 GOSUB 1460
630 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "AIR BRUSH "
640 LOCATE 11,1:PRINT "OFF"
650 LOCATE 23,1:PRINT "DIAMETER=":LOCATE 32,1:PRINT SSZ
660 SPZ=0
670 GOSUB 1430
680 IF INKEY(0)=0 THEN SSZ=SSZ+2:LOCATE 32,1:PRINT SSZ
:IF SSZ>40 THEN SSZ=40
690 IF INKEY(2)=0 THEN SSZ=SSZ-2:LOCATE 32,1:PRINT SSZ
:IF SSZ<3 THEN SSZ=3
700 GOSUB 1290
710 GOSUB 1240
720 IF INKEY(FZ)=0 AND SPZ=0 THEN SPZ=1:SOUND 1,200:LO
CATE 11,1:PRINT "ON ":GOTO 730 ELSE IF INKEY(FZ)=0 AND
SPZ=1 THEN SPZ=0:SOUND 1,200:LOCATE 11,1:PRINT "OFF":FU
R L=1 TO 150:NEXT:GOTO 730
730 GOSUB 1390
740 IF SPZ=1 THEN 750 ELSE 630
750 FOR IZ=1 TO 5
760 RZ=INT((RND*SSZ)-(SSZ/2))
770 R2Z=INT((RND*SSZ)-(SSZ/2))
780 PLCTR RZ,R2Z,1
790 NEXT
800 GOTO 670
810 *****Rubber routine*****
820 GOSUB 1460
830 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "ERASER":LOCATE 8,1:PRINT "OFF"
840 OZ=0
850 GOSUB 1430
860 GOSUB 1290
870 GOSUB 1240
880 GOSUB 1400:GOSUB 1430
890 IF INKEY(FZ)=0 AND OZ=0 THEN OZ=1:SOUND 1,200:FO
R L=1 TO 150:NEXT:LOCATE 8,1:PRINT "ON ":GOTO 900 ELSE
IF INKEY(FZ)=0 AND OZ=1 THEN OZ=0:SOUND 1,200:LOCATE
3,1:PRINT "OFF":FOR L=1 TO 150:NEXT:GOTO 900
920 IF OZ=1 THEN GOTO 910 ELSE GOSUB 1390:GOTO 850
910 FOR VZ=-2 TO 2
920 MOVE XZ-3,YZ+VZ:DRAW XZ+3,YZ+VZ,2
930 NEXT
940 FOR VZ=-2 TO 2
950 MOVE XZ-3,YZ+VZ:DRAW XZ+3,YZ+VZ,0
960 NEXT
970 GOTO 850
980 *****Circle drawing subroutine*****
990 GOSUB 1460
1000 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "SET CENTRE OF CIRCLE"
1010 GOSUB 1240
1020 GOSUB 1430

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1030 GOSUB 1290
1040 GOSUB 1390:GOSUB 1430
1050 IF INKEY(FZ)=0 THEN CX=XZ:CY=YZ:SOUND 1,200:LOC
ATE 1,1:PRINT "SET CIRCUMFERENCE OF CIRCLE":FOR L=1 TO
200:NEXT:GOTO 1080
1060 GOSUB 1390
1070 GOTO 1010
1080 GOSUB 1430
1090 GOSUB 1290
1100 GOSUB 1240
1110 GOSUB 1390:GOSUB 1430
1120 IF INKEY(FZ)=0 THEN OX=XZ:OY=YZ:SOUND 1,200:LOC
ATE 1,1:PRINT "SET CENTRE OF CIRCLE ":GOTO 1150
1130 GOSUB 1390
1140 GOTO 1080
1150 D1Z=CX-OX:D2Z=CY-OY
1160 D1Z=ABS(D1Z):D2Z=ABS(D2Z)
1170 R=SGR((D1Z^2)+(D2Z^2))
1180 FOR AZ=1 TO 360
1190 DEG
1200 PLOT CX,CY,1
1210 PLOT CX+R*COS(AZ),CY+R*SIN(AZ),1
1220 NZ=1
1230 GOTO 980
1240 IF YZ<1 THEN YZ=1
1250 IF YZ>100 THEN YZ=100
1260 IF XZ<1 THEN XZ=1
1270 IF XZ>640 THEN XZ=640
1280 RETURN
1290 IF INKEY(UZ)=0 THEN YZ=YZ+4
1300 IF INKEY(OZ)=0 THEN YZ=YZ-4
1310 IF INKEY(JZ)=0 THEN XZ=XZ-4
1320 IF INKEY(QZ)=0 THEN XZ=XZ+4
1330 IF INKEY(59)=0 THEN 520
1340 IF INKEY(58)=0 THEN 310
1350 IF INKEY(36)=0 THEN 370
1360 IF INKEY(62)=0 THEN 980
1370 IF INKEY(67)=0 THEN GOSUB 1490
1380 RETURN
1390 *****Graphic cursor routine*****
1400 IF TEST(XZ,YZ)=1 THEN P=1
1410 PLOT XZ,YZ,2
1420 RETURN
1430 IF P=1 THEN PLOT XZ,YZ,1 ELSE PLOT XZ,YZ,0
1440 P=0
1450 RETURN
1460 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "
"
1470 RETURN
1480 REM *QUIT,SAVE OR PRINT OUT*
1490 GOSUB 1460
1500 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "SCREEN DUMP (Y/N)"
1510 IF INKEY(43)=0 THEN GOSUB 1720:GOTO 1540
1520 IF INKEY(46)=0 THEN GOTO 1540
1530 GOTO 1510
1540 GOSUB 1460
1550 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "CASSETTE SAVE (Y/N)"
1560 IF INKEY(43)=0 THEN GOSUB 1650:GOTO 1590
1570 IF INKEY(46)=0 THEN GOTO 1590
1580 GOTO 1560
1590 GOSUB 1460
1600 LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "(A)NOTHER, (Q)UIT, OR (C)ONTINUE"
1610 IF INKEY(69)=0 THEN CLS:GOTO 310
1620 IF INKEY(67)=0 THEN BASIC
1630 IF INKEY(62)=0 THEN RETURN
1640 GOTO 1610
1650 REM** cassette save **
1660 SPEED WRITE 1
1670 GOSUB 1460
1680 SAVE "ART WORK",0,0,000,0,0000
1690 RETURN
1700 REM** Screer dump. **
1710 GOSUB 1460
1720 DIM IZ(320)
1730 PIXLN=413
1740 FOR KZ=1 TO 20
1750 PIXLN=PIXLN-14
1760 FOR LZ=1 TO 319
1770 GOSUB 1870
1780 IZ(LZ)=P1Z+P2Z+P3Z+P4Z+P5Z+P6Z+P7Z
1790 NEXT
1800 PRINT#3,CHR$(27);CHR$(75);CHR$(12);CHR$(64);
1810 FOR JZ=1 TO 320:PRINT#3,CHR$(IZ(JZ));:NEXT
1820 PRINT#3,CHR$(IZ(320))
1830 NEXT
1840 PRINT#3,CHR$(15)
1850 ERASE IZ
1860 RETURN
1870 P1Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN)
1880 P2Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN-2)+2
1890 P3Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN-4)+4
1900 P4Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN-6)+8
1910 P5Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN-8)+16
1920 P6Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN-10)+32
1930 P7Z=TEST(IZ+2,PIXLN-12)+64
1940 RETURN

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GO-FASTER BASIC

Richard Taylor with an ingenious way of speeding up Sinclair Basic by overcoming the Spectrum's ponderous method of searching through lines.

SINCLAIR BASIC is rather slow to say the least. Moreover, in common with most other machines Spectrum programs become slower as they increase in length. This is a result of the way in which the computer finds a line when you make a reference to it. For instance if you have a program in memory and the computer comes across the statement Goto 9999 it looks at the very first line of the program and asks itself "is this line 9999?", the answer will be no so it will go onto the next line and ask the same question. It will carry on doing this until it eventually finds 9999.

Even though the Spectrum hunts through the lines at a lightening fast rate the length of the program ensures that this can slow a program down considerably, especially if the program makes frequent use of subroutines right at its end. One of the methods used to combat this slowing effect is to put important subroutines that need to run at maximum speed at the start of the program and less important routines, such as initialisation and data statements near the end.

Although helpful this method is by no means perfect. For instance, what if you've got a lot of program that needs to run at maximum speed, it can't all be at the start. Secondly, it tends to be unnatural to structure programs in this way, most people like to

write programs in the same order as they are executed, i.e. initialisation routines etc. first. In most programs this slowing down effect isn't too important, but Basic games using animation of any sort are slow enough to start with without any additional speed reducing effects.

There is, however, a better way of solving the problem that prevents the computer from needing to go through the whole rigmarole of searching through the program for a particular line. Once a program is Run the addresses of program lines in memory don't change. It's only when you add to or edit a program etc. that any address changes occur. Say you have a Goto 5000 statement in your program. Every time this Goto is encountered line 5000's address has to be laboriously found. But, like the line numbers, its address is a constant.

It seems pointless to spend a great deal of time and effort for a result that you know will be the same as the last time it was calculated. If the line number reference in a Goto is exchanged for its equivalent address then no searching is necessary. Lo and Behold, this is exactly what my program for the 48K Spectrum does. In fact, Gosub and Next statements are speeded up in a similar way. There are not the only commands to divert the execution of

a program: Continue, Run and Return do as well but these are a damn sight harder to speed up and, in the cases of Run and Continue, aren't much used anyway.

When writing the program I've attempted to abide by the following two aims:

- Faster Basic must work with all Basic programs even if they were typed in without Faster Basic being in memory at the time.
- Faster Basic should be totally user transparent, i.e. it should do its job without any special action from you, such as calling machine code.

The 1.25K of machine code is sandwiched between Ramtop and the user definable graphics area. Before running remember to save it, just to be on the safe side. All the Basic does is to poke the machine code into memory: a task that takes a couple of minutes. When it's successfully finished the machine code can be saved with:

SAVE "FAST CODE" CODE 64058,1310

You can reload at any time with:

CLEAR 64057. LOAD "FAST CODE"

Initialising the program is a simple task, just type:

RANDVIZE USR 64082

You'll get a new startup message, informing you that the machine code is up and running. You'll get the same message if you use New, it replaces the usual Sinclair copyright message.

Obviously you don't want to have to use memory addresses directly in Goto and Gosub statements but stick with the good old system of using line numbers. The computer therefore has the burden of having to remember both the line number and its corresponding

Figure 1.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----|---|---|
| MEMORY CONTENTS | 236 | 49 | 48 | 48 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| WHAT MEMORY CONTENTS REPRESENT | GO TO | 1 | 0 | 0 | BINARY NUMBER TO FOLLOW | 100 IN FLOATING POINT BINARY | | | | |

address for each Goto and Gosub. Because of the way programs are stored in memory this isn't too difficult to organise. When you list a program you don't see the whole story; parts of the program — as its stored in memory — aren't shown, mainly because these parts are for internal use by the computer and look like gibberish to anything but a computer. One such example of concealed program is the six bytes of data that follow every number used in the program. The first of these six bytes always has the value 14; a number which signifies to the listing routine that it shouldn't attempt to display the contents of the following five bytes.

These bytes contain the binary form of the preceding decimal number. When a program is run these binary forms save the computer a great deal of time by being able to use these binary forms directly without having to convert the decimal representation that you typed in originally. For instance the statement Goto 100 is represented in memory as in figure 1. There's a similar format for a Gosub statement.

Faster Basic replaces the binary representation of the line number with the address of the line. This is perfectly legal as the computer no longer requires the binary bit as it no longer uses the line number directly — it's there for your reference only. Occasionally in a program you find a Goto or Gosub with not just a line number but a whole expression, ie. Gosub 2000+a*300, so the value of a determines which line is jumped to. In such an instance Faster Basic doesn't alter anything, and when encountered it is treated as normal. This isn't a great handicap as statements of this sort are pretty rare anyway.

Speeding up a Next statement poses much more of a problem since there are no conveniently placed free bytes where the address of the line can be dumped and, secondly, it's not obvious where the Next must branch to, i.e. where's the For associated with that particular Next? The way to get around the first difficulty is simple — if there is no storage area then make one. A dummy binary representation area is inserted just after the name of the variable in the Next statement as shown in figure 2.

The second problem isn't quite as easy to solve. Clearly it's necessary to find the line number of the For connected with the Next in question. You could find it by locating the last For statement before the Next with the same variable. However, this could prove a slow process and not totally reliable. In any case,



you've always got to make allowances for people who derive great pleasure from watching other people's programs crash, they might be evil enough to write something like:

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10 GO TO 40
20 NEXT a
30 STOP
40 FOR a=0 to 100
50 GO TO 20
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A far safer alternative is to not mark the line to which the Next is to jump to at all initially, just fill the five storage bytes with zeroes. The first time the Next is used in the program the computer will think to itself "look, that Next hasn't been marked with the address of the line it should jump to, I'd better find out what it is". The appropriate line, and therefore its address can be found by the usual method of searching through the program — in the same way as a Next would be treated normally. Before the jump to the line is made its address is carefully noted in the first two of the Next's five byte store, along with the statement number within that line. The following time the Next is used no searching is necessary — the address of the For line is already there.

One problem with this is that a program's length increases by six bytes for every Next in the program. This, along with the fact the Faster Basic machine code has already consumed over 1K above Ramtop, means that if a program was crammed into the Spectrum's memory to start with then, chances are, after Faster Basic has been at it, it won't fit at all — well, you can't win them all. If this is the case then you'll get an 'Out of Memory' report when you try to run the program. Be warned,

once a program's been 'compiled' it'll never run again without Faster Basic in memory. The moral of the story? Always keep a copy of the pre-compiled version.

When using the Faster Basic you'll often find yourself with a blank screen while a program's being compiled, either if you Run it or try and use Goto — be patient the program hasn't crashed. A Basic program is re-compiled every time it's re-entered after you've modified it in any way — and include loading or merging in another program in that — even from Microdrive. Autorun is handled — loading an autorun program will result in a short delay while the program's compiled before it bursts into action.

Because of the mischievous way the shadow Rom in Interface 1 operates every time an Interface 1/Microdrive command is used Faster Basic is forced inactive. After such a command use Randomize USR 64061.

You'll get the start message printed up again but the program in memory is preserved. Unfortunately this method can only be used with Interface 1 statements used as direct commands, it's not possible to use these commands in an actual program at all.

It's difficult to give even a rough estimate of the speed increase gained by using Faster Basic. A program 30K or so in length can be considerably improved speed wise especially if it wasn't written with the most speed dependant parts at the start. The most important factor is, of course, the amount of times Nexts, Gotos, and Gosubs are used in the program; but I think you'll agree that they are well used commands.

Figure 2.

| MEMORY CONTENTS | 243 | 97 | 14 | ? | ? | ? | ? | ? |
|--------------------------------|------|----|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| WHAT MEMORY CONTENTS REPRESENT | NEXT | a | FIVE STORAGE BYTES TO FOLLOW | FIVE BYTES TO STORE ADDRESS OF LINE | | | | |

```
10 REM 'FASTER BASIC'
20 REM
30 REM 48K Version
40 REM By Richard Taylor
50 REM
60 CLEAR 64057
70 LET a=64058
80 FOR l=0 TO 20
90 LET t=0: READ v,a$
100 IF LEN a$/2<>INT (LEN a$/2)
THEN GO TO 500
110 FOR c=1 TO LEN a$ STEP 2
120 LET x=CODE a$(c)-48-7*(a$(c)
) >="A")
130 LET y=CODE a$(c+1)-48-7*(a$(c+1) >="A")
140 POKE a,16*x+y
150 LET t=t+16*x+y
160 LET a=a+1
170 NEXT c
180 IF v<>t THEN GO TO 500
190 NEXT l
200 PRINT "Data OK - Now SAVE"
210 STOP
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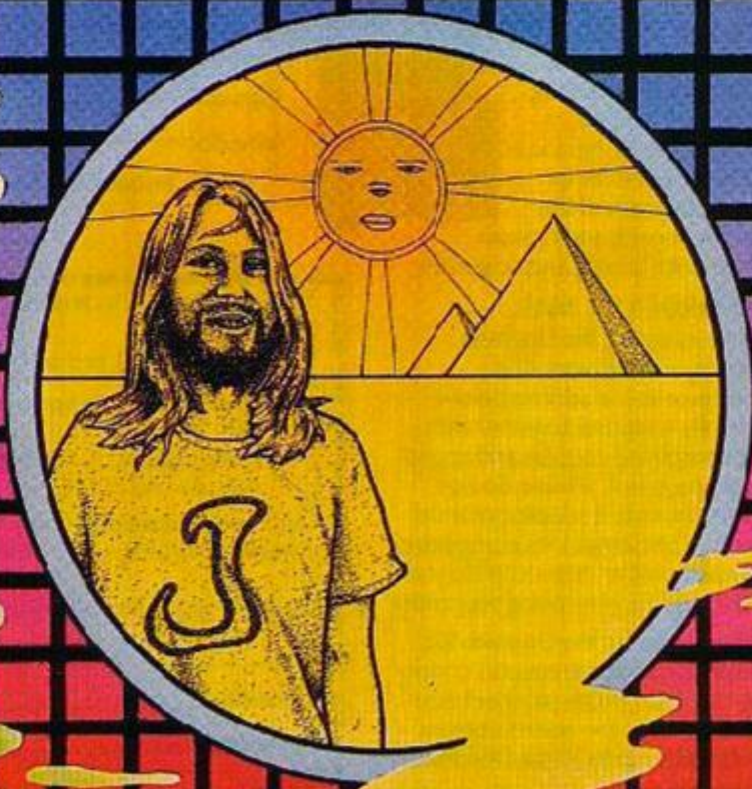
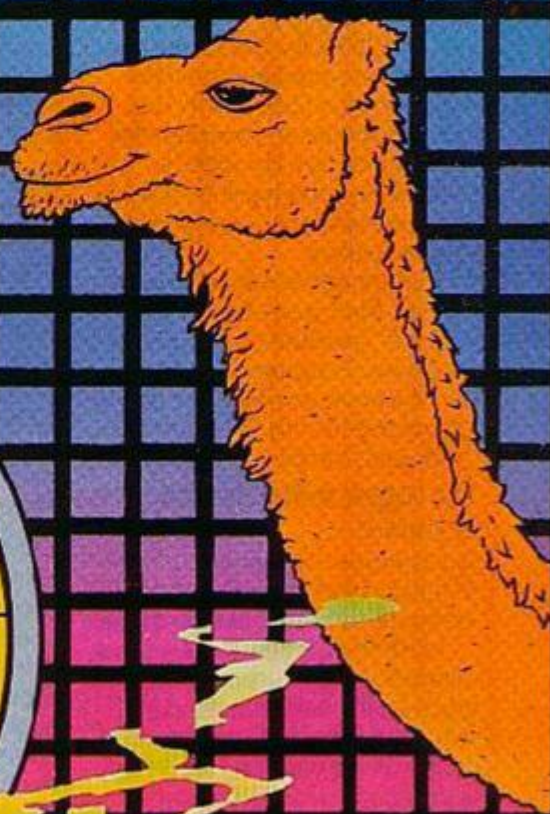
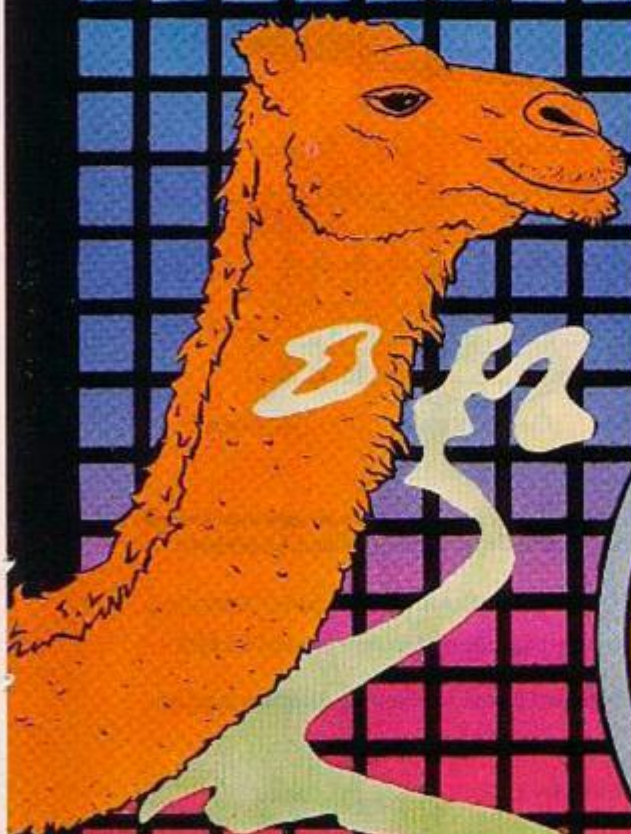
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500 PRINT "ERROR in line ";8000
+1*10
510 STOP
8000 DATA 7936,"0000003E01323AFA
CD6B0DAFED7B3D5CE1FDCB019EC3F8FA
F3ED4BB45CED5B385C2A7B5CD93E07D3
FE3E3FED472AB25C5D5436002BBC20FA
D9ED43B45CED5338"
8010 DATA 5419,"5C227B5CD9ED53B2
5C21003C22365CEB363E2DF72B2B223D
5C21B65C224F5C11AF15011500EBEDB0
EB2B22575C2322535C224B5C36802322
595C360D23368023"
8020 DATA 6193,"22615C22635C2265
5C3E38328D5C328F5C32485C21230522
095CFD35C6FD35CA21C61511105C010E
00EDB0FDCB01CECDDF0EFD363102FBCD
6B0DAF323AFA1104"
8030 DATA 5325,"FBCD0A0CFDCB02EE
18488027464153544552204241534943
27204F5045524154494E472053595354
454D2042792052696368617264205461
796C6F7220202041"
8040 DATA 7042,"75677573742C3139
3834A0FD363102CD9517CDB016AFCD01
16CD2C0FCD171BFDCB007E200C2A595C
CDA711FD3600FF18E42A595C225D5CCD
FB1978B1C237FCDF"
8050 DATA 7997,"FE0D28C7FDCB3046
C4AF0DCD6E0D3E19FD964F328C5CFDCB
01FEFD3600FFFD360A01CD93FC76FDCB
01AEFDCB304EC4CD0E3A3A5C3CF52100
00FD7537FD752622"
8060 DATA 6448,"0B5C21010022165C
CDB016FDCB37AEC0D6E0DFDCB02EEF147
FE0A3802C607CDEF153E20D778119113
CD0A0CAF113615CD0A0CED4B455CCD1B
1A3E3AD7FD4E0D06"
8070 DATA 6172,"00CD1B1ACD97103A
3A5C3C281DFE092804FE152003FD340D
01030011705C21445CFDCB0A7E280109
EDB8FD360AFFFD36019EC34FFB3E1001
0000C3AFFBED4349"
8080 DATA 6794,"5C2A5D5CEB212FFC
F52A615C37ED52E56069CD6E19200BCD
B819CDE8193E01323AFAC1793DB0282D
C5030303032BED5B535CD5CD55163E01
323AFAC122535CC1"
8090 DATA 7443,"C5132A615C2B2BED
B82A495CEBC1702B712B732B72F1C345
FB21FEFF22455C2A615C2DCD5B595C1B
3A445CC357FDE7CDBF16FD340DDF0600
FE0D287AFE3A28EE"
8100 DATA 10477,"21F7FCE54FE779F
DCB0C7E200FFCECCA97FD FEEDCAA8FDF
EF3CAE9FD FEEA2855FEFACA81FDFED52
00AFEE6CA52FAFEFC2441B4F3E01323
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AFA79C3441BCD541F"
8110 DATA 7869,"D27B1DFDCB0A7E20
71FDCB097E208A3A3AFAA7C477FE2A42
5CCD6E193A445C282AA7C2EC1B477EE6
C078281FED7B3D5CFD3600FFC9C1FDCB
0C7E20073A3AFAA7"
8120 DATA 7281,"C477FE2A555C3EC0
A6C0AFFE01CE0056235EED53455C235E
2356EB192322555CEB225D5C571E00FD
360AFF15FD720DCAA8FC14CD8B192802
CF16DFFE0D28B7FE"
8130 DATA 9106,"3ACAA8FCC38A1CCD
821CDFFEBCBC28A1CC1EF0238EBCDE934
389CC3A8FCCDC2FD3047ED535D5C5E23
56234EC33AFFD1FD660D24E333ED4B45
5CC5E5ED733D5CD5"
8140 DATA 6333,"011400CD051F18D5
2A5D5C7E23FE0E2807CD1B2D30F5B7C9
EB210500197EFE0D2804FE3A20F0EB37
C9CD821CC3671E2A5D5C237EFE0E20FA
223BFA35CD6C1C01"
8150 DATA 6142,"06002A3BFA340922
5D5CFDCB374EC22E1C2A4D5CCB7ECAD8
1D2322685CEFE0E20FC00238CDDA1DD8
2A3BFA23E523237E235E23562A685C01
0F00094F7BBE201A"
8160 DATA 7458,"237ABE2B20142323
79BE28067EE1E5232377E15E23564FC3
3AFF5E2356D5237EEBF5CD6E19F1ED4B
535CB7ED42EBC1E17323722377237123
704FC33AFF2A535C"
8170 DATA 7954,"2B11F300CDAEFE38
08CD03FF2A5D5C18F011EC0037F52A53
5C2BD5CDAEFE3809CDD0FED12A5D5C18
F1D113F13F30E6AF323AFAC97EFE3A28
15237EE6C037C023"
8180 DATA 7416,"23223BFA4E2346E5
09444DE11600C5CD8B19C1D018E3E7CD
C2FD3B06110002C38B19DFCD3B2D2A5D
5C23E5CD991E6960CD6E19ED4B535CB7
ED42EBE173237223"
8190 DATA 5313,"3601232323225D5C
C9E7237EFE0D2808FE0E2820FE3A20F2
2B010600CD55162323E52A3BFA5E2356
010600EB09EB722B73E1360E06052336
0010FB23225D5CC9"
8200 DATA 3385,"2A535C19CD541F38
0C56235EED53425CFD710ACF14D13EC0
A6C079C345FD"
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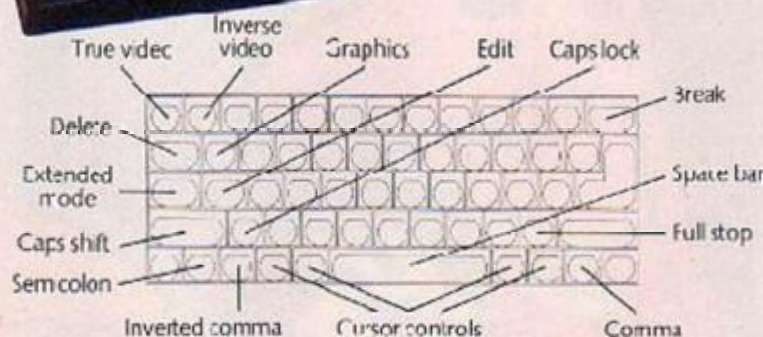
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CALL 46A00

while Spectrum owners must type

RANDOMIZE USR60000

So far OE Ltd's Telemod 2 and VTX 5000

modems have been tested with the service, but it also works with a number of other makes.

To find out what is available on Telsoft and how to receive software dial up Colchester (0206) 8068. This audio recorded information line will also advise you which telephone numbers to ring for the 300 and 1200 bit/s services.

When a program you want to download is available, make sure your modem is set up and dial the number appropriate to your modem's

speed. As soon as you hear the modem tones switch the modem to line and replace the receiver. Select Option 1 from the menu — Receive. After a block of data is received, you will see "OK" printed if there were no errors, otherwise the program will wait for the blocks to come round again.

When the "Program loaded OK" message appears return to the Telsoft menu and select Option 5. You can now save and run the program.

Figure 1. BBC.

```
10 REM BBC HEX CODE LOADER
15 HIMEM=649FF
20 CLS:PRINT
30 INPUT "START ADDRESS (Hex)";A$
40 A=VAL("0"+A$)
50 IF A=64F07 THEN 200
60 IF A<64000 OR A>64F07 THEN 20
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```
70 PRINT "R"
80 INPUT "B";B$
90 IF LEN(B$)>16 THEN 50
100 T=0
110 FOR N=0 TO 7
120 X$=MID$(B$,2*N+1,1):GOSUB 300
130 IF E=1 THEN 260
140 X$=MID$(B$,2*N+2,1):GOSUB 300
150 IF E=1 THEN 260
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```
160 B=EVAL("0"+MID$(B$,2*N+1,2))
170 A=A+B:GOTO 110
180 NEXT
190 FOR M=1 TO LEN(C$)
200 X$=MID$(C$,M,1):GOSUB 300
210 IF E=1 THEN 3=A-1:GOTO 260
220 NEXT
230 IF T=EVAL("0"+C$) THEN 50
240 PRINT "CHECKSUM ERROR"
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250 A=A-GOTO 50
260 PRINT "TYPING ERROR"
270 A=B*(A DIV B):GOTO 50
280 *SAVE "DOWNLOADED" A:GOTO 46F07
290 END
300 E=0:IF ASC(X$)<48 THEN E=1:RETURN
310 IF ASC(X$)<58 THEN RETURN
320 IF ASC(X$)<65 THEN E=1:RETURN
330 IF ASC(X$)>7: THEN E=1
340 RETURN
```

Figure 2. BBC.

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6A00 :A9C8A0FEA20120F4,4C6
6A08 :FF20616C20A86DC9,30A
6A10 :31F08BC934F8E9C9,4C6
6A18 :35F0864C0C6A4C17,200
6A20 :6A9A0C20E31FA9E9,4B2
6A28 :A000A2FF20FAFA9,4FD
6A30 :03A20020F4FFA92,363
6A38 :A20220F4FFA9C8,4C6
6A40 :FEA20020F4FFA9C8,4C6
6A48 :0C20E3FF20F76A9,439
6A50 :15A20120F4FFA9C8,3E8
6A58 :09FF1B9998F4D07A,5B7
6A60 :0915020120F4FFA9,294
6A68 :08C6C90F8200C6C0,34D
6A70 :F8A0008477847B34,416
6A78 :79047A647B857028,3B8
6A80 :05600A57029F0C93,4B9
6A88 :08E2200C6C000099,46B
6A90 :7108C82005A0C089,364
6A98 :08F8A000A57429B0,422
6AA0 :D000A51C85761B85,354
6AA8 :1106570E577000A0,20F
6AB0 :08B520E3FFC82005,524
6AB8 :60C010C0F0A57320,435
6AC0 :0265200C6C00A0C5,3CC
6AC8 :7AF000F000000000,17B
6AD0 :20E7FF4C676A200C,34F
6AD8 :6C00C0C57B000A9,48C
6AE0 :5020E3FF20F7F4C,44C
6AE8 :676A0573A08980A,43E
6AF0 :000E20E7FFA90020,3B8
6AF8 :E3FF4CE364C676A,469
6B00 :A000047A047B200C,2C9
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6B20 :20E3FF20E7F4C67,4B3
6B28 :67200C6C00CFC578,3C1
6B30 :F000F95820E3FF4C,447
6B38 :A7A05017A020F7F,479
6B40 :A573A0A90009956F,3F6
6B48 :A30AC902005020D7,419
6B50 :63A9C020056C9A53,3B3
6B58 :2830E4A95020056C,293
6B60 :A915F20120F4FFA9,391
6B68 :F76B471C0800905,505
6B70 :6FD0E19000F7000,4A4
6B78 :20E3FF20A560A95A,3D7
6B80 :050279A0F000A020,307
6B88 :2000E20F8A0020A,2D3
6B90 :63A9C020056C9A53,3B3
6B98 :20E3FF20F8A0020,2D3
6BA0 :20E0FF4C0C6A9A53,3B8
6BA8 :2030E4A95020056C,2D0
6BB0 :4C6A4A0475200C6C,2D2
6BB8 :B3D0FA200C6C200C,316
6BC0 :6C4C0B64C6CA0A,335
6BC8 :2020E3FFA9A0F20E3,43D
6BD0 :FFA9A020E3FFA0A,31E
6BD8 :19C000A0A0A00020,41E
6BE0 :08A21320F4FFA21,387
6BE8 :20F4FFA0A020F7F,4C6
6BF0 :FFA20F4FFA0A0,553
6BF8 :19C000A0A0A00020,41E
6C00 :EBA25320F4FFA25,4E7
6C08 :7AF4FFA0A0A0A0,44F
6C10 :B7847EA991A20020,3D0
6C18 :F4FFB009C0007005,443
6C20 :636B4C0C6A4A7E20,2D1
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6C28 :496C06B0D022380,374
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6C38 :A6000C0A0951A021,417
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6C48 :6A00A2D2CA0C000,5A4
6C50 :F0A0A0A000E47A0,45B
6C58 :20A4ACB000FAA7E,449
6C60 :60A9E0A00002FF20,452
6C68 :F4FFA90005FAA90C,460
6C70 :20E3FF20A0A0A0A,3E4
6C78 :2000E4A070E0B0A,2F0
6C80 :6F0005A000A0000,39C
6C88 :17A150C0741F000C9,370
6C90 :42F011C743F0174C,302
6C98 :616C0A00A20120F4,335
6CA0 :FF4C076C0A00A020,3D4
6CA8 :20F4FFA0C071CA90B,433
6CB0 :A20420F4FFA0A0A,4CE
6CB8 :7C00E3FFA47E20A0,46B
6CC0 :6A0A00000000E20F,2C4
6CC8 :60A01720150C0941,2D0
6CD0 :F000C94F011C943,413
6CD8 :F0174C616C0F0A2,372
6CE0 :0120F4FF4C09A0A,37F
6CE8 :087A0320F4FFA0C,314
6CF0 :60A070A0204020F,3D6
6CFA :E600A0500C9A2000,443
6D00 :A9E0A000A20120F4,3E0
6D08 :FFA070C00E3FF200,49D
6D10 :6C2053C06020A0B,2E3
6D18 :A90520000E20F0D,2C1
6D20 :20A0B0D00052000,274
6D28 :20F0B020A0B0A00,36D
6D30 :2000E4E20F0A020,2DE
6D38 :60047EA0032000C,2A9
6D40 :A9D720E0F0F057C,4DB
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6D48 :A90C20E3FF20A0B,3EF
6D50 :A9072000E0A9A05,306
6D58 :0CA9C0E063A00020,3A1
6D60 :FEA020A0A02096D,3C0
6D68 :2E99A02099A020A,317
6D70 :6CA9A02000E020F,2C4
6D78 :6C20A030F0022000,278
6D80 :6C20F0B020A0B0D,34E
6D88 :F0F0A02020E0FF4B,5A0
6D90 :A50FA20020F4FFA,3D5
6D98 :60A902000E20F0B,287
6DA0 :6020A0B0A020A0B,33A
6DA8 :20A0B020E7FF0E7,445
6DB0 :F76A00A29F06A0A0,3FE
6DB8 :A57B4900057B0A5,390
6DC0 :4910057A267A267,299
6DC8 :C0A000A020E3FFC,5AC
6DD0 :0870C073A000310,1F0
6DD8 :0720E3FFA0A057B,3AE
6DE0 :78A200A057B2A00C,30B
6DE8 :A57B4900057B0A5,390
6DF0 :4910057A267A267,299
6DF8 :C0A000A020E3FFC,5AC
6E00 :B820C0A000F0C0B,4F7
6E08 :B820A0A020E3FFC,478
6E10 :L000A0A00000000,5D0
6E18 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E20 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E28 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E30 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E38 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E40 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E48 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E50 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E58 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
6E60 :0000A0A020E3FFC,478
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6E68 :09C007000560B84C,2C1
6E70 :0C0A057CA67DA7E,3D0
6E78 :A0F47A7A7009A02,3A4
6E80 :0020F4FF982901F0,3CD
6E88 :00A99A020920F4FF,40B
6E90 :9010900130A67B0A,34B
6E98 :7E0A44F574E4C4F,2B1
6EA0 :4144A94E4720A0A,215
6EA8 :4E250D312002052,193
6EB0 :454345495450034,1F2
6EB8 :200205345542042,1AE
6EC0 :617564205261746,2E6
6EC8 :0025202020A50849,1B8
6ED0 :5420544F20A2415,20D
6ED8 :49430A045454552,217
6EE0 :20A0F0A0A0A0A0A,1FA
6EE8 :200055345204354,1EC
6EF0 :524C204720544F2,1F5
6EF8 :52455455520E2054,254
6F00 :4F20A0454552029,1ED
6F08 :0053455420545241,20B
6F10 :4E5340495420A261,24E
6F18 :756420526174650,292
6F20 :412020203735204,16F
6F28 :617564004220203,1FC
6F30 :302020426175640,209
6F38 :432031323030204,18B
6F40 :6175640053455420,253
6F48 :524543454554520,273
6F50 :42617564205261,203
6F58 :650050524F473241,23D
6F60 :4020204C4F414445,1F2
6F68 :4420206F60005052,20D
6F70 :455553204145320,213
6F78 :4B455920464F5220,210
6F80 :4D454550202020,1A2
```

Figure 1. Spectrum.

```
5 REM SPECTRUM 48K fig 1
10 REM Hex Code Loader
15 CLEAR 59000
20 POKE 23658,B:CLS:PRINT
30 INPUT "Start Address";A$
40 IF A$<1135 THEN GO TO 200
50 IF A$>60000 THEN GO TO 20
70 PRINT "A"
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80 INPUT "B";B$
90 IF LEN(B$)>28 THEN GO TO 200
100 LET L=LEN(B$)
110 FOR N=0 TO 7
120 LET X$=MID$(B$,2*N+1,2)
130 GO SUB 300:LET Y$=
140 IF E=1 THEN GO TO 200
150 LET X$=MID$(B$,2*N+2,2)
160 GO SUB 300:LET Y$=
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150 IF E=1 THEN GO TO 260
170 POKE A,Y:LET A=A+1
180 LET L=L-2:IF L=0 THEN LET Y=0
190 FOR M=1 TO 3
200 LET X$=MID$(B$,17*M+1,2)
210 GO SUB 300:LET Y$=
220 IF E=1 THEN LET A=A+1:GO TO 260
230 NEXT M
240 IF L THEN PRINT "B";GO TO 50
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240 PRINT "Checksum Error"
250 LET A=A-B:GO TO 50
260 PRINT "Typing Error"
270 LET A=B*INT(A/B):GO TO 50
280 SAVE "DOWNLOADED CODE" A:GOTO 1136
290 POKE 23658,B:STOP
300 LET E=0:LET X$=CODE X$=40-7*(X$)*9
310 IF X$<0 OR X$>15 THEN LET E=1
320 RETURN
```

Figure 2. Spectrum.

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60000 :CD150C057ECCD15,4C7
60008 :EDC376ECCD66EDD,631
60016 :00E3C07AF0000A70,4C6
60024 :08B0F0E31CA99A0,69A
60032 :35C0B7E0C36A0C0,5D0
60040 :15E03EFC0C57B00A9,47F
60048 :15E0C0C0150C03A,553
60056 :EAC66ED11E5EE06,50C
60064 :003E3FF121370C0,45B
60072 :15EE11CDE06173E,3D2
60080 :2012131FCCD1FED,3DA
60088 :30F0C0C0E0C0D1FED,5B9
60096 :30F0C0C0E0C0D1FED,5B9
60104 :6CE326FEF3270EF,544
60112 :3A65EFC0E0C0E0C,627
60120 :E0E0F0E0E0C0E0C,627
60128 :097165EFC0:FED0A,501
60136 :AAE01312C0E0C0C,552
60144 :20F23A0FEFE68020,51A
60152 :002100C0C0A0E0C,30C
60160 :00A7092260FE000,1DA
60168 :11C0E0C0D1FED09A,47F
60176 :12130C0C0E0C079E,45C
60184 :0E20F0C0A0E0C0D,447
60192 :ECC01FED0A0A0E21,574
60200 :6FEF0E20135E011,326
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60208 :00E31213E000:2CD,340
60216 :D7ECC0A6ECC3AA0A,6B
60224 :C01FED0A0A0E2170,51B
60232 :E0E020E121E0E0A,524
60240 :60E0F056F3E000C,3CC
60248 :30000E2000C007E,40F
60256 :3E2132005CC3FE0,402
60264 :3E00326F0F3270EF,3C7
60272 :E05B0E0F0E00C0D,40C
60280 :C00A0A0A32750C0,634
60288 :E0E0C3A60E0FE002E,506
60296 :003A69FE0E00A73,432
60304 :EF12130C3A60E0F,3FC
60312 :20DCC01FED0A0A0,50B
60320 :216FE0E0C2D0E0C,504
60328 :1FED0A0A0E2170EF,5A2
60336 :0E0220E0B3E6F3E2,509
60344 :EE3E6332E3EE3E0,498
60352 :32E4E3A00B5CFE21,501
60360 :2E03C015E0E070E,553
60368 :C1A6E0C21E00C0A,5C5
60376 :E056F3E000C073E,422
60384 :0021E0C0C0A0E0C,30C
60392 :0E7E00C20E0A23,4FC
60400 :0E20F05E0A0C0E0,509
60408 :3E01D3F0C3A6A0C,5E8
60416 :1FED0A0A0E2170EF,5A2
60424 :0E03A0D3F0F0B3E,3D0
60432 :40D3F0F0F0F0F,3C9
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60440 :31D3F0F0F0F0F,3C9
60448 :32005C32A0B3C001,250
60456 :D3FE219150C09C0B,56F
60464 :C050E0C36A0C0D15,52D
60472 :E0C066E03E01D3FE,556
60480 :2160E03E000000E,442
60488 :C0E4ECC0A3ECC0A6,654
60496 :EC73C0D7E0C0D7E,58F
60504 :C0B0E0C0A0E0C0A6,661
60512 :C0E3C0C0C0C0C0C,40F
60520 :0E0C23C0A3E0C0E,490
60528 :C0B0E0C0A0E0C0C,60B
60536 :A3E0C0E0C0C0C0C,561
60544 :A0A0C0C0C0C0C0C,570
60552 :C0B0E0C0C0C0C0C,574
60560 :C0C0F53E0C0C0C0,520
60568 :F120C0C0C0C0C0C,65D
60576 :C0A3E0C0A0E0C0E,5A6
60584 :C0B0E0C0C0C0C0C,574
60592 :C0C0F53E0C0C0C0,520
60600 :F120C0C0C0C0C0C,65D
60608 :C0A3E0C0A0E0C0E,5A6
60616 :F120C0C0C0C0C0C,65D
60624 :D4E0C071213C021,46C
60632 :C0E0E0C0C0C0C0C,574
60640 :173E0277310FC0E,339
60648 :0077C0C0C0C0C0C,539
60656 :77C0C0C0C0C0C0C,449
60664 :30007E0C0C0C0C0,3C9
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60672 :E0E010326FEF3721,3C5
60680 :6FE0C0B1623C01600,35B
60688 :28E0A0E1C9110501,394
60696 :216A00C0D50C0C0,32F
60704 :96327FE0C047E0D0,529
60712 :2E0C0F1C060A0C0,5C0
60720 :E070E0B01F002D3FE,548
60728 :1FC2177E035200237,2FC
60736 :A00177E035200237,2FC
60744 :A7E00F0C0C0C0C0,544
60752 :F0D0FF3A01E0FE00,507
60760 :30A0F3E010023E37,187
60768 :D3FF0B77F1C0F03A,675
60776 :01E0FE00200A3E36,376
60784 :D3FF0C050E0F:C0E,644
60792 :00D0FF0E0037C0B,59
60800 :F0E0237C0D0F0E6,626
60808 :30200A0B7F0C93A,30B
60816 :01E0FE00200A3E37,397
60824 :18023E36D3FF0B7,452
60832 :C9C0D7E03A73E0F,50E
60840 :F1C36E0F53E0D30,5EE
60848 :20F0F1C9C0D0C0D,62A
60856 :20F0F1C9C0D0C0D,62A
60864 :20F0F1C9C0D0C0D,62A
60872 :20F0F1C9C0D0C0D,62A
60880 :073C00B710103C0,34F
60888 :073C00B710103C0,34F
60896 :2120333E00D73E3F,2E6
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60904 :D73E00D7F1E101C1,640
60912 :C9FE07201C0FEC02B,4F3
60920 :19FE0C2014FE0020,300
60928 :10FE0D200C0E20FA,367
60936 :0FE0FE030FA11EE3E,48A
60944 :00C95E07C9C0A000,32C
60952 :3E02C0D1163E1B32,1C4
60960 :095CC93E12160C0,302
60968 :A20177E035200237,2FC
60976 :1122C93D05050E0,3E0
60984 :C0D1163E047E030F,451
60992 :C05CE0E1D1C1C93A,5CD
61000 :3B5CC0B5F200C0A0,28F
61008 :5C0F2100C0A0A0A,4C3
61016 :A7C9370F5111000,5DE
61024 :C010E0F1C044457,4D6
61032 :4E4C4F41444A94E,204
61040 :284D454E5003120,216
61048 :280524543454556,276
61056 :450035202020A57,217
61064 :697420746F204261,32B
61072 :734963002020557,2D0
61080 :6520537A062676C,595
61088 :2053659674282D,300
61096 :204700746F205265,29C
61104 :7475725E20746F20,399
61112 :404E450020200A0,27D
61120 :424552200A00000,1C1
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EXTENDED VIC BASIC

THE PROGRAM, when run, provides the Vic-20 with an extra 25 keywords where 23 are commands and two are functions. The extra commands utilise sound, colour and graphical aspects of the computer. There is a resolution of 160 by 192. Double height and user-definable graphics are catered for in the package. There is also a special key scanning function to allow multi-key input similar to the Inkey function on the BBC machine. Colour manipulation to produce animation is also a key feature. The use of tokenised keyboards results in no speed decrease.

A list of commands is provided on printer paper plus two demo programs, Poly Organ and Beekeeper. The demos contain no Pokes.

As the program is of total machine code it will be impossible to convert even to a machine like the CBM-64. Most computers anyway have a reasonably extensive Basic.

Loading — Press Shift Lock; press Run Stop; depress Shift Lock and press Play on tape.

The Extra commands:

■ **OPERATION MODES:** Each mode command utilises the normal Vic-20 colour and sound channels.

MODE0 — sets the normal text screen.

MODE1 — sets normal screen with 192 definable characters.

MODE2 — sets the 15 line screen with double height characters.

MODE3 — sets the hi-res screen with 192 lines of 160 pixels.

■ **COLOUR COMMANDS:** all colour commands can be used in all modes.

INK x — sets the current ink colour to x (0-15). Values above 7 sets the multicolour mode.

AUX x — sets the auxiliary colour to x (0-15). For use in multicolour graphics.

VDU x,y — sets the screen colour to x (0-15) and the border colour to y (0-7).

GCOL x — changes each colour on the screen by x amount for example with GCOL1 black becomes white and white becomes red and yellow becomes black etc.

GCOL7 reverses the process above the

GCOL4 causes a flashing effect. Don't use with multicolour characters.

GCOL x,y — charges everything with colour x (0-15) to colour y (0-15).

■ **SOUND COMMANDS.**

VOL x — sets volume to level x (0-15).

CHAN x,y — sets sound channel x (0-3) to value y (0-255).

SOUND I,J,K,L — gets all four channels to the values of the variables.

■ **HI-RES COMMANDS.**

CLG — clears the hi-res screen.

SET x,y — plots a pixel at column x (0-159) and line y (0-191) in the current ink colour. The top left corner is the origin (0:0).

RESET x,y — unplots the pixel at column x (0-159) and line y (0-191).

■ **SCREEN COMMANDS.**

AT x,y — puts cursor at column x (0-21) and line y (0-22). For use in modes 0-2.

CLS — clears text screen. Don't use in mode 3.

INV — inverts screen display. A second

Program 2.

```
0 SYS58648:PRINTCHR$(8)SPC(49)"P
LEASE WAIT !".S=0:A=36:B=8192:GO
SUB6:A=2:B=673:GOSUB6
1 IF$K<>177116THENPRINT:PRINT"CHE
CK-SUM ERROR":PRINT:END
2 SYS680:SYS58648:POKE780,54:POK
E782,228:SYS51998:PRINT" DFR EX
TENDED BASIC":PRINT
4 PRINTCHR$(157)(PEEK(644)-38)*2
56-1"BYTES FREE":POKE198,0:NEW
6 FORI=0TOA:READA$:FORJ=0TO38:F=
(ASC(A$)-65)*26+ASC(MID$(A$,2))-
65:S=S+P
8 POKEB+I*39+J,P:A$=MID$(A$,3):N
EXT:NEXT:RETURN
200 DATA BGEUHPGEAFHJRABJGDJHTB
IJGCTHTCNFOCMHTDNGUCIFCGVGGAFFA
LCEJTJDBGJGATHTEYJGAWHH
201 DATA JDBGJGBNBWADIYIAJMIWALG
IGVGNHSHDJRABIYIAIQKGKVGJALAYEBH
WGBJRABHSIYHJRABGBJRAB
202 DATA IAJMGIGVHSIAGUHSJDJRABJ
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GAGHTBI IAJMJGJHDSA IHTJVJGBQBKAPB
WBMHTHWF0BIBOCEIZHVGOFC
203 DATA CVGEJVHJGAIHSHDJDBGAQJ
QBWLHSHDJDBGBWAFBGIQJVIJLJCYJFH
QB0CYBAHRGEABGVESHTHWFO
204 DATA AZHTITGUAVCEIZHVAKGMHDI
CBGFDJSHDHBBGFDJRBGGFACEEJRAADSA
HHZDABHAWBIBBBIBEBIBHBI
205 DATA BTBICABICWBIDZBIERBIFEB
IFYBIAUBJCBJFDBJFYBJHFBJHRBJMB
JITBJJCBIJQBJBABIIEBKCC
206 DATA BLAHHZCZDB0HP0PCYHMCPC
YID0PCYHRCNIECVDAHV0NDHIIDICQIFD
IDBHW0PCUCNHYDFDBDHDH0
207 DATA DFCRIEDEDFCRIECTCPDBHWC
JCN0YIEDHCQHR0PCUCN0VHYDCDHIEDD
CIECVDAIGDHDCIDCQDAIDDC
208 DATA CYCNC0PH0PCUCNIC0XCR1JA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABGAYIVBGIAA
CHTAAIAABDSHTABIABSGNAA
209 DATA GMFDDJFDDLGN0UFDDK0NEYF
DDMGVDLFPDJHSIAJPIWDMGKDKIYFEDKI
QEGIAJEGNAIB0C0IXGNHXFL
```

"Please

David Redmond expands the Vic-20's vocabulary.



Sir, can I have some more.

INV normalises screen.

PLACE *k,c,x,y* — Puts screen code character *k* on the screen with colour *c* at column *x* and line *y*. It will accept any multiple of 10 for parameters. It works in all modes but the screen in mode 3 is treated as 20 columns. To get lower case characters in mode 3 use POKE 9329,136 and normal upper case is POKE 9329,128.

UPS *x* — scrolls screen upwards *x* times. Don't use in mode 3.

DNS *x* — scrolls screen down *x* times. Don't use in mode 3.

OTHER COMMANDS.

CLB — clears the keyboard buffer. Poke 198,0. Halt *x* stops program execution for *x* 60ths of a second so halt 30 will wait for 1/2 a second.

CHAIN — ends the program and loads and runs the next program or tape.

PUT *x* — outputs ascl characters *x* to the current output device. Can have any number of parameters eg. PUT8,14 locks Vic in lower case.

RPT_x — repeat key facility

RPT0 — Normal

RPT64 — No keys repeat

RPT128 — All keys repeat

UDG *I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q* — creates user defines character *I* (0-19) where *I* is in screen code. The remaining eight variables relate to the 8 lines of pixels. To redefine a double height character its screen code number must be multiplied by 2 for the value of *I* and then redefine two characters.

Program 1.

```
2 POKE648,16:SYS58648:PRINTCHR$(
3)SPC(24)"PLEASE WAIT WHILE"SPC
(31)"LOADING"SPC(60)
4 POKE5728,0:POKE5738,0:POKE43,1
:POKE44,38:POKE45,3:POKE46,38:PO
KE198,1:POKE631,131
```

Only the first 96 double height characters can be redefined.

KEY(*x*) — is a function and returns a value of either 0 or -1. If key *x* is down -1 is returned also 0 is returned. The value of *x* has to be in PERK(197) key code. This sort of key testing allows multi key input.

IFKEY(*X*)THEN — tests for key *x* down. IFNOTKEY(*X*)THEN — tests for key *x* up.

CHAR(*x,y*) — is a function and returns the screen code of the character at position *x* and *y*. Not for use in mode 3. Parameters in commands can be variables. Expressions. Formulae or even numbers.

To enter the program first save program 1 on tape then type in program 2. When it runs without an error message save it after program 1.

All commands can be placed within print statements between semicolons. If a command is entered directly from keyboard a syntax error might result. An extended basic command after a Then statement must be preceded by a colon, for example:

IFX<160THEN:SETX,Y

KEY CODE TABLE

| C | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | x8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| C | 1 | + | 1 | # | | \$ | Q | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | W | A | % | Z | S | E | 4 |
| 2 | 5 | R | D | X | C | F | T | 6 |
| 3 | 7 | Y | G | V | B | H | U | 8 |
| 4 | 9 | I | J | N | M | K | O | 0 |
| 5 | + | P | L | , | ' | : | e | - |
| 6 | 2 | % | : | / | & | = | ? | ' |
| 7 | (|) | | | f1 | f3 | f5 | f7 |

: = CTRL # = STOP \$ = CBM / = LSHIFT
? = Uparrow ' = HOME (= DEL) = RTN
(= CRSA) = CRSD.
For example key H = 5 x 8 + 3 = 43
CTRL key = 2 x 8 + C = 16

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210 DATA AFFODSHTACIACIAGNAAGMFDD
JFDDLGN AUFDKGN EYFDDMGVDLFPDJHSF
PDJFGIWDLIAAJGKDMIYIQFE
211 DATA JGAOFEDMGJJDJAYEBACFDDJF
OISAYIWDKFOINGNHXFLAFFOGBBFLADF
OGNAYFLABFOGNAICYCOIXGG
212 DATA JVFIGBJGAPHUIQAPIAJNGNJ
GFDBMGNAFGDBNGNAAGMFPMIWBMIJQI
WBNGJBNHTBGIAJFGNAIBGCO
213 DATA IXGNHWF LAFFOGBNAOFLAFOG
NBJFLABFOGNAUFLACFOGNAZFLADFODSG
NAAFDHQDSCYDRIVCYIOBHBG
214 DATA IAACGMBGHHXACGOAYCYAKIVB
GIAACFLFEACDSGRAOFOBPAPFDHNBGIAA
CBPAPAKAKAKAKAFHNFLAFOFO
215 DATA DSBGIAACAKAKAKAKFDHNBGH
XACBPAAHAFHNFDHNGRAFFOBPAIAFHNFLA
PFODSGRAOFOBPJGFDHNBGIA
216 DATA ACBPAPAFHNFLAOFODSBGIAA
CBPADGOBGHXACGEAKFODSBGIAACFLAKF
OGGAABGHXACGBALFOIYIQAD
217 DATA IAJLDSBGIAACFLJUACBGHXA
CFLJVACGNAQFDBNFDEPGRJUACCUCWCWC
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WFDBMGRJVACWCWCWCWAKAK
218 DATA AKAKCUFDDWCWCWAYDXDWDXB
MFDBMGEEAEAFDBGGJDXCEIVBQFDEOGNA
AGGAGAYEJBMFOACIWBPHUIA
219 DATA JMAYDXBOFDBOEABPAHCVAHG
OGNABHUBWAEAKAYFOJPJAJAARBOFPBOG
RJQBIHTJAJAAMGJBNAIEBFC
220 DATA FDBNGRFEACFPBMDSGNOCVFLJ
QBIGNJVFLJRBIGNBXFLJSBIBGFYBIGNJ
AFLJQBIFLJRBIGNARFLJSBI
221 DATA DSBGIAACGOGGEABGVESHTBSJ
GBEGNFSFDBNGNAAFDBMGGACGEAAGVBMA
YDXDXBPAAHFPBMHSIAJKIWBNI
222 DATA HUIAJDDSFIFDHNBGHXACGNF
SFDBNGNAAFDBMGGACGEAAGVBMBPAPHPH
NIAAEGJDXFPBMHSIAJHIWBNI
223 DATA HUIAJADSBGIAACAYDXGGGGG
JDWDXGFGMIUGGIAJSHOGFIAJODSBGIAA
CCUCWCWCWCWCWAYEBAUFDBN
224 DATA EAAKAKAKFDBMGEEABGHXACF
PBMHSHKAIJAJMDSGNABFDHGGNFBFLEPA
CCYETHOGBGIAACBGESJIGEA
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225 DATA GVESHTBSIAAGBGHXACAYFOJ
FDSBGIAACFLFIACDSGRAPFOCVAILAPF
QDSBGIAACCUBGENIZEAGOHU
226 DATA FIIAJMDSBGIAACCUGJIGCUG
NUVFDIGGNIJFDGCBGJEIZEAFDIGGNFOP
DIJEAGOHUFIIAIUDSEQBGIA
227 DATA ACCUGRAFFOHTHWJGC0BGHXA
CCUGNAQFDGZBGHXACCUBGHXACG0EAIQA
AJGAKAYEBAWFOACIWGZHUIA
228 DATA JMFDDGYFDBPGJGZAYEBFCFDB
QGEAAEAFPBPEAFPGYGEABGVESHTBSIAA
GEGEOAAAYFOGZDKDSEACUCW
229 DATA CWCWCWCWAYEBEYFDH0EAKA
KAKFDHNBGHXACCUBGHXACFDBMGNFSFDB
NBGHXACCWGOGEAAAKHPDXJG
230 DATA ACGEAIFCHJHUBWANGNAUAYD
XBMFDBMF0ACIWBNIJGGEAAEAFPMGJB
NCEIZFSFDBNGGAEAGBMBMBN
231 DATA HUIAJPGJBMAYDXHJFDBMGNA
RDXBNFDBNGEAHGVHNFPMFGAQJPCYDKB
KBGJQHYBGGCIHFICUBGJTHY
232 DATA GNAAFDBMGNAQFDGZBGGCIHF

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IGGAVAYDXDXFOACIWGZHUIAJMFDGYBGJ
NHYEAGMGVGYGMCYGGIDGNAA
233 DATA FDANBGE0AAHTITFOAUHTIVG
UAQCEIZHVAKGMHDHCBGCUHDHBBGCUCYE
0AAGJESIAACHQETHQESCYFE
234 DATA HYAABGDUBGIUHRAFBLEQBGGJ
HHYGRBGFPUCGRBHFPUCBGG0IBGJDXCWC
W0W0B0GEPBLCVJVFLBGFP0J
235 DATA DXBPAHGOB0GEPBLFDE0GRBHF
PCVJVBLBOJGACGNJVGM0GFPIDEAFLBHF
PEAFLBGFPDKDSGNABIQAAJG
236 DATA AEAKHUIAJSDSCCBSAAJVAJ
VAAJVAJVAJVAJVAJVAJVAJVAJVAJ
VAAJVAJVAJVAJVAJVAJVAJ
300 DATA IWESIAACIWETDSGGAFHHHUA
CGBELAAHUAQJNGGAHHHBVBLGBAEADHUA
QJNGNAQFLFGACCVAYIVAAA
301 DATA AAAABGFTBG3GGFACFICUFWC
UBGGFACBGGCIHHTAAIAAMHPGBJGAIGGD
KGBAAACHUAQJQGGJESIAACHQ
302 DATA ETHQESEAGMEAGOGJDXDSAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAACGHOFBHOEUHPBAHRIUHRF
EHYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHJJA

```

Demo program — Beekeeper.

```

10 GOSUB1000
15 GETK$:IFK$=""GOTO20
17 G=DX:H=DY:DX=(K$="Q")-(K$="M")
  DY=(K$="A")-(K$="Z")
18 IFDX=0ANDDY=0THENDX=6:DY=H
20 I=X:X=X+DX:J=Y:Y=Y+DY:IFX<0OR
  X>21THENDX=-DX:X=I
25 IFY<0ORY>14THENDY=-DY:Y=J
27 IFCHAR(X,Y)=35GOTO40
28 IFCHAR(X,Y)=35GOTO60
30 PLACE32,0,1,1,37,4,X,Y:GOTO15
40 S=S+1:FORZ=200TO175STEP-1:CHA
  N2,Z:NEXT:CHAN2,0:IFSC0THENS=0
45 GOTO70
60 S=S+1:P=P+1:FORZ=225TO250:CHA
  N2,Z:NEXT:CHAN2,0
70 PRINT"TAB(12)S"IFP<25GOTO30
75 SOUND0,0,0,0
80 FORI=1TO20:FORZ=7TO0STEP-1:GO

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  OLI:VDU0,Z:CHAN2,128+Z-T*5:NEXTZ
  ,T:SCUN0,0,0,254
82 CLS:PRINTAT0,5"YOUR SCORE IS"
  S"/ 25":FORV=15TO0STEP-.05:VOLV:
  NEXT
85 INK0:PRINTAT0,8"ANOTHER GO ?
  (Y/N)"
90 GCOL4:IFKEY(11)THENRUN
95 IFNOTKEY(28)THEN:HALT10:GOTO9
  0
100 MODE0:CLB:END
1000 MODE2:UDG73,254,124,56,254,
  130,170,170,170:UDG71,186,186,17
  0,170,170,130,254,0
1001 UDG72,36,24,24,36,36,126,12
  6,66:UDG73,66,126,126,36,36,24,2
  4,36
1002 UDG74,0,126,129,165,165,165
  ,129,153:UDG75,153,129,129,189,1
  53,129,126,0
1003 PRINT" *** BEEKEEPER ***";

```

```

  A"0,3;INK4"GET THE HONEY POTS
  AND AVOID THE ";
1005 PRINT"BEES ";AT0,6;INK2
  "ONCE MOVING YOU CAN'T STOP."AT
  3,9;INK5"A/Z---UP/DOWN"
1010 PRINTAT3,10"CRSR---LEFT/RIGHT";
  AT2,13;INK1:"PRESS CTRL TO GO"
  "":I=0
1015 GCOL1,1-I:IFNOTKEY(16)THEN:
  HALT10:I=1-I:GOTO1015
1020 CLS:VDL0,0:PRINTTAB(6)"SCOR
  E: ";
  FORI=0TO1:FORJ=1TO25
  1025 X=INT(RND(1)*22):Y=INT(RND(
  1)*13)+2:IFCHAR(X,Y)<32OR(X=10A
  NDY=7)GOTO1025
  1030 PLACE35+I,6+I,X,Y:NEXTJ,1:X
  =10:Y=7:DX=0:DY=0:P=0
  1040 FORI=120TO254:VOL1/16:SOUND
  1,1,1,0:NEXT:SOUND0,0,0,0:CLB:RE
  TURN

```

Demo program — Poly organ.

```

10 GOSUB1000
20 X=0:FORI=0TO2:S(I)=0:A$(I)="
  ":NEXT
25 FORI=0TON:IFKEY(K(I))GOTO50
30 NEXT
35 O=12-O:VDU0,7
40 FORI=0TO2:CHANI,S(I):PRINTAT5
  +I*5,8A$(I):NEXT:GOTO20
50 S(X)=A(I,X):A$(X)=N$(I):X=X+1
  :IFX=3THENX=2
60 GOTO30
1000 MODE0:PUT8:VDU8,7:VOL8:O=0:
  N=12:DIMA(N,2),K(N),S(2),N$(N),A
  $(2)
1010 FORI=0TO12:FORJ=0TO2:READA(
  I,J):NEXT:READK(I),N$(I):NEXT
1020 FORI=1TO8:INK1:FORJ=0TO5:PR
  INTAT2+I*2+(I>3)+(I=8),15+J"
  ":NEXT

```

```

1025 IFI<3ANDI<7ANDI<8THENFOR
  J=0TO3:INK0:PRINTAT2+I*2+1+(I>3)
  ,15+J;"":NEXT
1030 NEXT:INK0:PRINTAT5,16;"SND
  GHIJ";INK1;AT4,19;"ZXCVBN
  M"
1040 PRINT"*** POLYPHONIC ORGAN
  ***":INK0:PRINTAT7,4"CHANNEL";AT
  5,6"0 1 2":RETURN
2000 DATA223,191,128,33,"C",225
  ,195,134,41,"C#",227,198,141,26,
  "D",228,201,147,18,"D#"
2002 DATA230,204,153,34,"E",231
  ,207,159,27,"F",232,210,164,19,
  "F#",234,213,170,35,"G"
2005 DATA235,215,174,43,"G#",236
  ,217,179,28,"A"
2010 DATA237,219,183,20,"A#",238
  ,221,187,36,"B",239,223,191,29,
  "C"

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The second category consists of programs which declare a large array at the beginning, and you input data into the elements of that

If there are any unused elements in an array

To design a database system we should look at the features we would like it to have. Some of the factors to be taken into consideration are:



Bearing in mind all these points, I developed Securifile.

Securifile would be included in category three. It uses a variable-length record storage technique to provide many facilities in a memory-efficient fashion.

Securifile is a reasonably large program as far as typing in goes, 4040 bytes of machine code and data, starting from 25000. This leaves only 2525 bytes available for data on a 16K Spectrum, but a massive 35693 bytes are free on a 48K Spectrum. You need a 48K Spectrum to enter Securifile from the listings, but tape copies will run quite happily on the 16K machine. Tape copies of Securifile are available from the author at 29 Ashridge Drive, Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, AL2 3SR for £3.75.

To enter Securifile from the listing, you should type in and run listing 1. This will prompt you for the bytes from listing 2 which you should enter in the rows, entering the checksum when prompted. The checksum should catch most typing errors. When finished the program will save the object code onto tape. Type New and then enter and run listing 3. This will relocate the code down to 25000.

Type New and enter listing 4. Place a blank tape into the recorder and type

SAVE "SECURIFILE" LINE 10

This program should be verified. Now type SAVE "SECURICODE" CODE 25000,4040 and then verify the code block also. Now type RANDOMIZEUSR 25000

and the menu should appear on the screen.

Once you have got a working copy of Securifile you should load it up and then read through this section carefully, trying out any points that you do not follow on the program. Securifile offers 14 functions from a menu,

each of which being accessed by pressing the key indicated in red on the menu. Before going on to the detailed breakdown of each function, some explanation of various features of the program is necessary. These features are not actually functions, merely subroutines which are used by several functions.

The screen editor: This is a major routine used by the add item and change item functions to allow you to input an item to the file. The editor presents you with a screen and a cursor which may be moved around using the keys 5, 6, 7 and 8 with Caps Shift. At the top of the screen there is a space for you to put the key field — KF — of your item, and also a space for the tag field — TF. To move the cursor up to the top line, you will have to place it below one of these spaces and then press up.

Caps Shift 2 will change the state of the Caps Lock, indicated by the bar in the top right corner — green = Caps Lock on, blue = off. Caps Shift 1 will wipe the screen, giving you a blank page. This function is queried To place a character at the current cursor position, just type the appropriate character. To delete a character, move the cursor to the offending character and type a space over the top. Characters such as I which were previously obtained using extended mode, are now available using symbol shift and the appropriate key — © is symbol shift Q.

The following characters should not be used in either the key field or the tag field, although they may be used freely within the item itself: ©, |, !, ~, ~, ~, ~.

Querying: Drastic instructions are queried by the message "Are you sure? Y/N". Only if you press Y will the instruction be executed, any other key results in the instruction being disregarded.

RUM SECURIFILE

■ **Memory consumption.** The program should be as small as possible, maximising space available for the data, which itself should be stored as efficiently as possible.

■ **As few constraints on the makeup of the file as is possible.** The database should be able to handle items of different formats within the same file.

■ **The program should offer the following basic functions:**

- The ability to append an item to the file.
- The ability to delete an item from the file.
- The ability to edit an item.
- The ability to store the file on some backup storage — tape, Microdrive
- The ability to list the items.
- The ability to sort into alphabetical order.

■ **A more advanced database program** might also provide some extra features such as cross-referencing between items printer compatibility, a choice of storage media, sublist extraction, file security, network communications using the ZX Net.

Program 1.

```
10 CLEAR 50000
20 FOR FN=10000 TO 16000: CODE HS(1)
30 IF FN=10000 THEN CODE HS(2)
40 IF FN=10000 THEN CODE HS(2)
50 INPUT "Start: " A$
60 INPUT "File: " B$
70 FOR N=1 TO 10: STEP 5
80 LET T=0: PRINT N: " "
90 INPUT HS: PRINT HS:
100 LET X=0
110 FOR B=1 TO LEN HS: STEP 2
120 LET Z=FN HS(B): LET T=T+Z
130 POKE A+X,Z
140 LET X=X+1
150 NEXT B
160 PRINT " = " : INPUT T: PRINT
170 IF T<0 THEN PRINT "Input
180 error - try again" GO TO 50
190 NEXT N
200 SAVE "SEC OBU 1" CODE 50000,
4040
```

Program 3.

```
50 CLEAR 24500
60 FOR F=40000 TO 40011
70 READ A: POKE F,A
80 NEXT F
90 RANDOMIZE USR 40000
100 DATA 1,200,15,17,168,97,33
99,234,237,176,201
```

Program 4.

```
50 POKE 23693,71: BORDER 0: CL
EAR 24999
60 PRINT AT 11,5: INK 0: PAPER
6: "SECURIFILE is loading"
70 LOAD "SECURICODE" CODE 25000
80 RANDOMIZE USR 25000
```



Input of keyfields etc: There will be many times when Securifile wants a piece of information such as the key field of an item to be deleted, or the filename for a cassette save. At these times you will be prompted to enter the information. The characters that you type will be printed on the screen.

All of this input is in lower case, to obtain capitals you will have to use the Caps Shift key as on a typewriter, there is no Caps Lock. You may use delete — Caps 0 — to correct a mistake. Any spare places should be bulked out with spaces.

Break can be pressed at almost any time, and it will abort the function, returning you to the menu. However, Break should not be pressed while a tape function is in operation,

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indicated by the fasting blue/red border or the blue/yellow lines. This could result in the corruption of your file.

The report "Tape recovery error" which may occur during the load, save and header reading functions is slightly ambiguous. It may mean either of two things: the program is expecting a header block and has read some other tape block by mistake, or that there has been a genuine tape error.

The menu gives the following functions:

1) Add an item. When you select this function you are presented with a blank screen and the cursor of the screen editor. When you have finished making up your item you should move the cursor to the last character and press Enter. If the key field of the new item is already that of an existing item then the program will present you with a choice of changing the new item's key field — press C — or deleting the old item — Press D.

2) Change an item. Apart from the fact that this function will prompt for a key field, and will then display that item, this is the same as the add item function in operation.

3) Delete an item. This function prompts for a key field of an item, and will delete it from the file if it exists.

4) Extract sublist. This is possibly the most powerful function of Securifile. When you select this function it will prompt for the tag field pattern that qualify an item for being part of the sublist. This is best explained by means of an example:

Suppose that your file consists of a mixture of bills for the past three years. The bills are for electricity, gas and water. You have decided that the first character of the tag field on any item will be either E, G or W — depending on the subject of the bill — the second and third characters will indicate the month of receipt of the bill — e.g. May = 05, November = 11 — and the fourth and fifth characters will denote the year e.g. 84. The re-

maintaining three characters will be undefined. Now, using this function you could ask for a list of all gas bills by using the search pattern G_____. The _ character indicates that that particular character in the pattern is not significant.

To extract a list of all bills in June, the pattern would be _06_____. All bills in June 1984 would require the pattern _0684_____. Note that the pattern of eight characters is the equivalent of listing all items. When either the screen is full, or the list is complete, the program will wait for you to press X before continuing.

5) Header catalogue. For security Securifile stores its files on tape using a non-standard format, which is however, quite similar to that used for saving programs on tape — a short header block containing the program filename, followed by a block containing the program proper. This function will read the header blocks created by the Securifile save routine.

It will print the filename of that file on tape, this being the name you must quote in order to load that file, and may also print Locked underneath the filename. This indicates that the password security option is locking that file, and that you will need to know the correct password in order to load the file.

6) **Key field sort.** This function sorts the list of key fields into alphabetical order.

7) List items. This function lists the key field and tag field of every item in the file, pausing after each screen for you to inspect the list. Press X to continue listing.

8) Printer toggle. This function toggles the printer option between On and Off. If the printer toggle is On then output from the following functions is also dumped to the ZX Printer: Extract sublist, List items, View items.

9) **Quit**. This function is queried before Securifile and control is returned non-destructively to Basic.

10) Recover file from tape. This option allows you to reload a previously saved file from tape. It will prompt for the 10-character filename that the file was saved under. You should use the header catalogue function to find the exact filename if you cannot remember it. The specified header will then be loaded.

If the file is locked you will have to stop the tape and enter the correct 10-letter password before the program will load the rest of the file. Unprotected files will load straight through without stopping.

11) Save file onto tape. This option allows the current file to be saved on tape. It prompts for a 10-character filename: under which the file is to be saved. The program then asks if you want to restrict access to the file. If you press "Y" then you will be prompted for a 10-character password which will secure that file. When you have entered this, or if you choose to have an unprotected file, the program will display the message "Ready tape & press any key".

You should set up the recorder and start the tape recording before pressing a key. The file saves in two bursts with about a two second gap between them. The file is saved in a coded form. After saving the program will ask you to rewind the tape and press V when ready, the file will then be verified. A successful verification is indicated by a return to the menu. An unsuccessful verification will display the message "Tape recovery error". Rewind and try again.

12) Tag field sort. This function sorts the items in the file into alphabetical order by their tag fields.

13) View item. This option will prompt for the key field of the item to be displayed, and will show the whole item on the screen if it exists.

14) Wipe file. This option is queried and if executed will wipe the current file, returning the internal pointers to their original positions.

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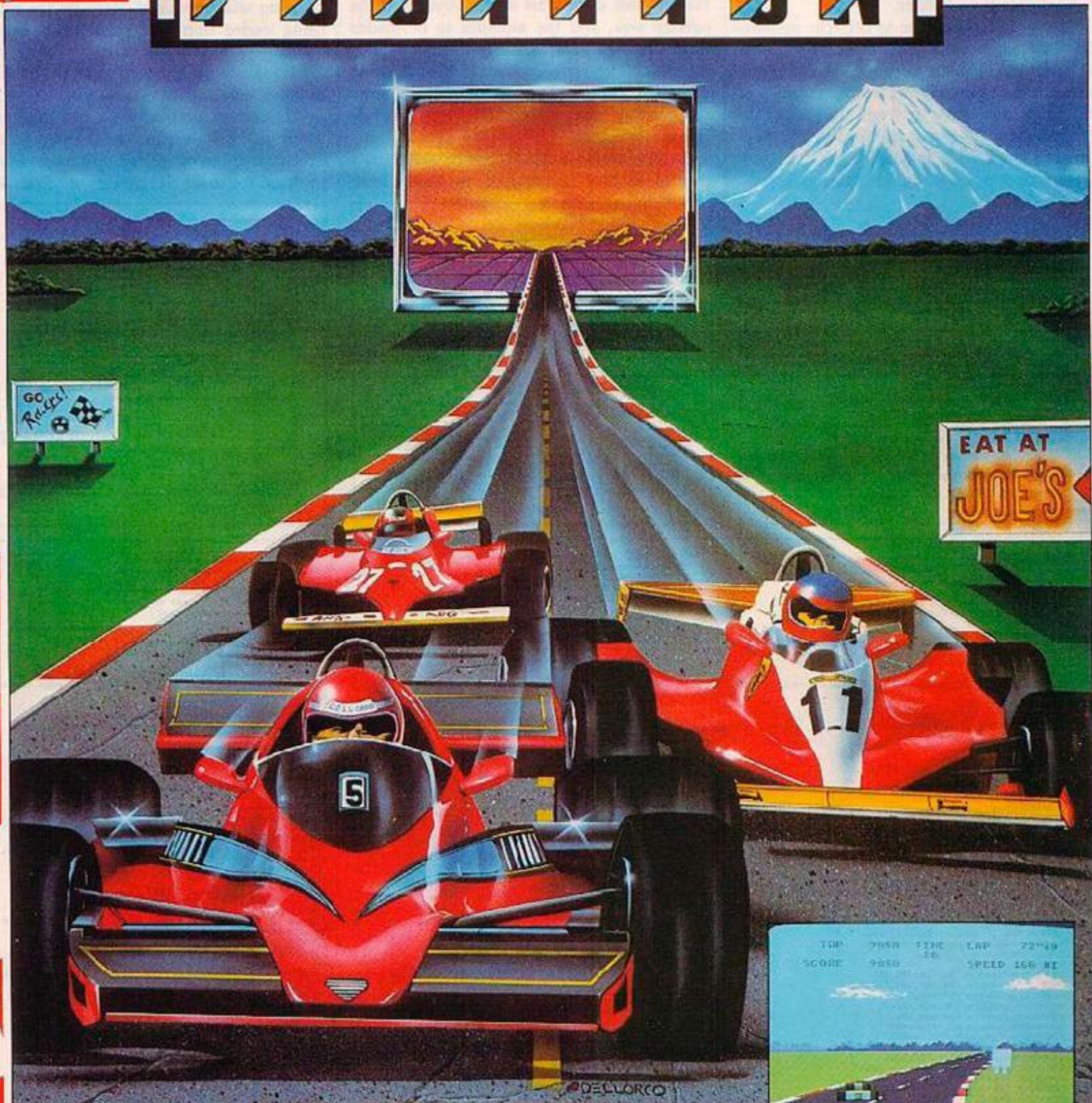
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DISC OVERLAYS

THE BBC COMPUTER is a sophisticated machine with many facilities including an excellent Basic interpreter which sets it apart from most other home computers. The main limitation of the machine is the restriction of having only 32K of Ram. Cassette-based machines have about 27K bytes available to Basic when using Mode 7, but disc-based machines have only 25K because the Disc Filing System — DFS — claims about 2.75K for workspace. Using any other screen mode reduces this even further.

Very little can be done to help the cassette-based owner, but it is possible for a BBC computer with disc drive to run a Basic program whose size is limited only by the capacity of the floppy disc being used and the skill of the programmer. The way to achieve this apparently impossible task is to split the program into a number of separate modules —

P Andrews squeezes more into the BBC.

which every programmer should do anyway — and store them on a floppy disc.

The separate modules are only loaded into memory when required and so the modules not being used do not occupy any store Ram. An area of Ram is set aside for the program modules to occupy when they are called and loaded from disc. This area is known as the overlay area, and the modules to be loaded from disc to this area are known as overlay modules. The term overlay is used because when a module is called it is "overlaid" onto the overlay area overwriting any module previously called.

Because modules will overwrite each other a control section is required to ensure that

overlay modules are loaded whenever they are required. A routine called the overlay handler is used to control the loading of overlay modules.

As well as the overlay handler a section of code will always be present in Ram. This constitutes the main program and will contain the main body of the program and any routines which are frequently called. It is unwise — unless absolutely necessary — to put frequently called routines into an overlay since the program will be slowed down by the routine being loaded from disc many times over.

Figure 1 shows the memory map for a typical Basic program. Figure 2 shows the memory map for an overlaid Basic program. Since Lomem indicates to the interpreter where all identifiers are to be stored then the overlay area can be created by moving Lomem to make room for the overlay modules to be

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| ROM | &FFFF |
| SCREEN | &8000 |
| VARIABLES | HIMEM |
| BASIC PROGRAM | LOMEM |
| WORKSPACE | TOP |
| | &1900 PAGE |
| | &0000 |

Figure 1. Memory map for a typical Basic program.



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|---------------|------------|
| ROM | &FFFF |
| SCREEN | &8000 |
| VARIABLES | HIMEM |
| OVERLAY AREA | LOMEM |
| BASIC PROGRAM | TOP |
| WORKSPACE | &1900 PAGE |
| | &0000 |

Figure 2. Memory map for an overlaid Basic program.

Listing 1.

```
10REM BBC Overlay Handler Demonstration
20REM by P. Andrews Apr 1 1984.
30IF PAGE<1900 THEN PAGE=1900:CHAIN"ROOT"
40NEW PRG:MODE 7:EXPORT:PRINT "AT 1:CALL END
50OPT 1,0
60
70REM set up size of overlay area.
80
90X=1200
100
110REM set up pointer to start of overlay area.
120
130X=LHMEM-2
140
150REM reserve space for overlay area.
160
170LHMEM=LHMEM-HIG
180
190PROC initialise_overlay_handler
200
210MODE 4
220
230PROC screen_display
240
250PROC window(0,31,39,26,0,3,TRUE)
260
270PROC root_routine
280
290PRINT #100
300VDU7 PRINT "—End of demonstration—"
310PRINT "Use LOHIN not RUN to try again."
320STOP
330
340REM *****
350REM Root Procedure Definitions.
360REM *****
370DEF PROC screen_display
380VDU 9,0,4,0:
390PROC rectangle(750,300,800,150)
400PROC rectangle(750,600,800,100)
410PROC rectangle(750,700,800,1,700)
420PROC rectangle(100,600,250,1)
430PROC rectangle(400,600,250,1)
440PROC rectangle(32,495,1,400)
450PROC rectangle(0,975,1,600)
460PROC ellipse(0,-PI,250,600)
470HIDE ellipse(0,PI,250,600)
480PRINT TAB(0,0) "Has overlay nest?"
490PRINT TAB(10,0) "0"
500PRINT TAB(24,2) "Variables"
510PRINT TAB(26,18) "Root"
520PRINT TAB(35,12) "0"
530PRINT TAB(35,11) "5" "TOP"
540PRINT TAB(35,20) "5" "PAGE"
550PRINT TAB(35,21) "PAGE"
560PRINT TAB(35,1) "5" "LOMEM"
570PRINT TAB(35,2) "LOMEM"
580PRINT TAB(1,15) "Overlay nesting?"
590PRINT TAB(15,5) "Disc"
600PRINT TAB(14,0) "OVERLAY: TAB(1,10) "DVE12"
610HIDE CHRS(17 + CHRS(1) + CHRS(17) + CHRS(128)
620HIDE CHRS(17 + CHRS(12) + CHRS(17) + CHRS(128)
630ENDPROC
```

```
40REM *****
410DEF PROC ellipse_start(x,y)
420LOCAL step,angle
430MOVE x+150,y
440LOCAL t:=start/30
450DO angle:=angle+PI AND STEP step
460DRAW x+150+COS(angle),y+45+SIN(angle)
470X+1
480ENDPROC
490REM *****
500DEF PROC rectangle(x,y,height,width)
510MOVE x,y
520DRAW x+width,y
530DRAW x+width,y+height
540DRAW x,y+height
550DRAW x,y
560ENDPROC
570DEF PROC movestring(x1,x2,y,s)
580LOCAL x,step
590PROC window(x2-1,x2+2,y-1,0,TRUE)
600LOCAL s1
610MOVE x,y
620PRINT s:MOVE x+52,y:GOTO 610:PRINT s
630NEXT
640MOVE x,y:PRINT s
650PROC rectangle(x+50,500,200,1)
660PROC rectangle(750,300,800,350)
670COL 0,1
680VDU4
690ENDPROC
700REM *****
710DEF PROC root_routine
720LOCAL reply,overlay_number
730PRINT #100: "Root" "1" "0"
740REPEAT
750PRINT "Type 1"
760PRINT "1A,1B or 2A to enter another routine"
770PRINT #100: "Reply"
780UNTIL reply="1A" OR reply="1B" OR reply="2A" OR
790reply=""
800IF reply="" THEN 1170
810overlay_number=EVAL(HIGH(reply$+1))
820PROC root_routine+reply+"ROOT": overlay_number
830
840PRINT #100: "Reply"
850PRINT #100: "Return from overlay call"
860UNTIL reply=""
870ENDPROC
880REM *****
890DEF PROC movestring(x1,x2,y,s,flag)
900LOCAL x1,y1,x2,y2
910COL 0,1
920VDU4
930VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
940COL 0,1
950VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
960VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
970VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
980VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
990VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1000VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1010VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1020VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1030VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1040VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1050VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1060VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1070VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1080VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1090VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1100VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1110VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1120VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1130VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1140VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
1150VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
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5480VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5490VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5500VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5510VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5520VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5530VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5540VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5550VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5560VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5570VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5580VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5590VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5600VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5610VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5620VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5630VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5640VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5650VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5660VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5670VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5680VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5690VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5700VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5710VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5720VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5730VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5740VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5750VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5760VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5770VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5780VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5790VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5800VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5810VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5820VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5830VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5840VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5850VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5860VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5870VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5880VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5890VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5900VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5910VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5920VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5930VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5940VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5950VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5960VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5970VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5980VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
5990VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6000VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6010VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6020VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6030VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6040VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6050VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6060VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6070VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6080VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6090VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6100VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6110VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6120VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6130VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6140VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6150VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6160VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6170VDU 23,x1,y1,x2,y2
6180VDU 23,x1
```


loaded from disc. Although the overlay scheme can save the space occupied by a Basic program it cannot easily be used to save the space used by variables.

Each overlay module may contain several separate routines. To use any of the routines the overlay module in which they are contained must be present in store. If the module must be continually loaded this will be slow; conversely if already loaded then access will be fast. The program will run faster if those routines which are called in sequence are put into the same module wherever possible.

In BBC Basic two types of overlay routine are possible — functions and procedures. The overlay handler must intercept function and procedure calls to overlay routines in order to ensure that the correct module is loaded. Also the handler must know which overlay module contains the routine being called.

To ensure that the modules are loaded correctly all overlay routines must be accessed via the overlay handler. The handler calls the routines once loaded by using the Eval function. To make this possible the call to an overlay routine is made by calling the handler with a string as a parameter containing a call to the routine. A second parameter gives the number of the module within which the

routine is stored. Overlay modules are numbered sequentially starting from one and are kept on disc as a series of Basic files Over1, Over2 and so on.

Three separate routines are provided to allow overlay routines to be called. Each routine ensures that the correct overlay module is present in store before the overlay routine is actually called. The string parameter containing the routine call need not normally contain the FN or Proc keywords.

For procedures use: PROC (the text of procedure call, overlay module number). For example:

PROC ("initialise routine", 1)

For numerical functions use FNo (text of function call, overlay module number). For example:

LET sum = FNo ("difference(a-b)", 2)

For string functions use FNs (text of function call, overlay module number). For example:

LET x\$ = x\$ + FNs ("string function ("BBC")", 2)

Because the handler calls the overlay routines using Eval it is not possible to code procedures in the normal way. Where an overlay routine is used as a procedure then "Def Proc" should be replaced by "Def FN"

and "Endproc" should be replaced by "=0".

Any parameters can be passed to the overlay routines but care is required for string constants. Because a string constant uses quotes any string parameter passed to the overlay routine must have the quote characters put in pairs otherwise they will be taken as being the end of the string. For example a string function normally called using FNroutine("string") when not using overlays might be called using the overlay manager as FNs("routine" "string" ",1".

Most overlay routine calls involve only a single function and so rather than supply the "FN" keyword as the first characters in the parameter string the overlay manager will insert these before calling the Eval function. This saves two bytes per call. If a second function is to be called at the same time then the FN keywords must be added to the function name. If the function is overlaid a nested call to the overlay handler is necessary. For example function funa exists in overlay 1 and function fund exists in overlay 2; fund and fund are in the Rcot. An overlaid function call with both functions could be made with:

10 LET x = fund + FNo("funa + 2 * FNo ("fund" ",2) + Fnfund",1)

Listing 1 contains a demonstration root and overlay handler. Listings 2 and 3 contain the code for overlay modules 1 and 2. Type in each listing and save each program as "Root", "Over1" and "Over2" respectively. The demonstration shows on the screen the loading of overlay modules from disc and the nested calls being processed. To run the demonstration type Chain "Root".

Examine the demonstration listing. When you are familiar with its operation you can use listing 4 which is the overlay handler to be incorporated in your own programs. The handler in the demonstration should not be

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Listing 2.

```
5000REM=====
5001REM Overlay area 1.
5002REM -routine1A
5003REM -routine1B
5004REM -routine1C
5005DEF FNroutine1A(s$)
5006LOCAL reply$, overlay_number
5007PRINT "11000: 1A ";f0b1$; called from ";f1b0$;s
5008$;f0b1$
5009REPEAT
5010PRINT "Type :-"
5011PRINT "RETURN to exit this overlay routine, or"
5012PRINT "1A, 1B or 2A to enter another routine"
5013INPUT reply$
5014UNTIL reply$="1A" OR reply$="1B" OR reply$="2A" OR
5015reply$=""
5016IF reply$="" THEN 5100
5017overlay_number=EVAL(MID$(reply$,1,1))
5018PROC("routine"+reply$+"("routine1A")", overlay_
5019number)
5020PRINT f0b1$; 1A ";f0b1$; return from overlay ca
5021ll"
5022UNTIL reply$=""
```

```
5000REM exit from overlay routine
5010=0
5020REM=====
5021DEF FNroutine1B(s$)
5022LOCAL reply$, overlay_number
5023PRINT "11000: 1B ";f0b1$; called from ";f1b0$;s
5024$;f0b1$
5025REPEAT
5026PRINT "Type :-"
5027PRINT "RETURN to exit this overlay routine, or"
5028PRINT "1A, 1B or 2A to enter another routine"
5029INPUT reply$
5030UNTIL reply$="1A" OR reply$="1B" OR reply$="2A" OR
5031reply$=""
5032IF reply$="" THEN 5100
5033overlay_number=EVAL(MID$(reply$,1,1))
5034PROC("routine"+reply$+"("routine1B")", overlay_
5035number)
5036PRINT f0b1$; 1B ";f0b1$; return from overlay ca
5037ll"
5038UNTIL reply$=""
5039REM exit from overlay routine
5040=0
5041REM=====End of Overlay Area 1
```

Listing 3

```
5000REM=====
5001REM Overlay area 2.
5002REM -routine2A
5003REM -routine2B
5004DEF FNroutine2A(s$)
5005LOCAL reply$, overlay_number
5006PRINT "11000: 2A ";f0b1$; called from ";f1b0$;s
5007$;f0b1$
5008REPEAT
5009PRINT "Type :-"
5010PRINT "RETURN to exit this overlay routine, or"
5011PRINT "1A, 1B or 2A to enter another routine"
```

```
5100INPUT reply$
5101UNTIL reply$="1A" OR reply$="1B" OR reply$="2A" OR
5102reply$=""
5103IF reply$="" THEN 5100
5104overlay_number=EVAL(MID$(reply$,1,1))
5105PROC("routine"+reply$+"("routine2A")", overlay_
5106number)
5107PRINT f0b1$; 2A ";f0b1$; return from overlay ca
5108ll"
5109UNTIL reply$=""
5110REM exit from overlay routine
5120=0
5121REM=====End of Overlay area 2
>
```

Listing 4.

```
10REM BEC Overlay Handler Demonstration
20REM by P. Andrews April 1984.
30IF PAGE<>1900 THEN PAGE=&1900:CHAIN"ROOT"
40ON ERROR MODE 7:REPORT:PRINT " AT ";ERR:END
50OPT 1,0
60:
70REM set up size of overlay area.
80:
90% = 1200
100:
110REM set up pointer to start of overlay area.
120:
130% = LOMEM - 2
140:
150REM reserve space for overlay area.
160:
170LOMEM = LOMEM - 0%
180:
190PROC initialise_overlay_handler
200:
210MODE 4
220:
```

```
230PROC screen_display
240:
250PROC window(0,31,39,26,0,3,TRUE)
260:
270PROC root_routine
280:
290PRINT f1b0$
300VDU7:PRINT "--End of demonstration--"
310PRINT "(use CHAIN not RUN to try again)."
320STOP
330:
340REM=====
350REM Root Procedure Definitions.
360REM=====
370DEF PROC screen_display
380VDU 19,0,4,0;
390PROC rectangle(750,300,800,350)
400PROC rectangle(750,600,800,700)
410PROC rectangle(750,300,1,700)
420PROC rectangle(100,600,250,1)
430PROC rectangle(400,600,250,1)
440PROC rectangle(32,495,1,480)
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450PROCrectangle(0,975,1,600)
460PROCellipse(0,-PI,250,600)
470PROCellipse(2*PI,0,250,650)
480PRINT TAB(0,0)"Max overlay nest"
490PRINT TAB(18,0)"0"
500PRINT TAB(24,2)"Variables"
510PRINT TAB(26,10)"Root"
520PRINT TAB(35,12)"TOP"
530PRINT TAB(35,11)"&";~TOP
540PRINT TAB(35,20)"&";~PAGE
550PRINT TAB(35,21)"PAGE"
560PRINT TAB(35,1)"&";~LOMEM
570PRINT TAB(35,2)"LOMEM"
580PRINT TAB(1,15)"Overlay nesting"
590PRINT TAB(5,5)"Disc"
600PRINT TAB(4,8)"OVER1";TAB(4,10)"OVER2"
610f1b0$=CHR$(17)+CHR$(1)+CHR$(17)+CHR$(120)
620f0b1$=CHR$(17)+CHR$(0)+CHR$(17)+CHR$(129)
630ENDPROC
640REM=====
650DEFPROCellipse(start,end,x,y)
660LOCAL step,angle
670MOVE x+150,y
680step=(end-start)/32
690FOR angle=start TO end STEP step
700DRAW x+150+cos(angle),y+45*sin(angle)
710NEXT
720ENDPROC
730REM=====
740DEFPROCrectangle(x,y,height,width)
750MOVE x,y
760DRAW x+width,y
770DRAW x+width,y+height
780DRAW x,y+height
790DRAW x,y
800ENDPROC
810REM=====
820DEFPROCmovestring(x1,x2,y,s$)
830LOCAL x,step
840PROCwindow(x2-1,10,x2+7,6,1,0,TRUE)
850x1=x1+32:x2=x2+32:y=1023-y*32
860VDL5
870GCOL 0,1
880MOVE x1,y:PRINT s$
890FOR x=x1 TO x2-32 STEP 32
900TIME=0:REPEAT UNTIL TIME>5
910GCOL 3,1
920MOVE x,y
930PRINT s$:MOVE x+32,y:GCOL 0,1:PRINT s$
940NEXT
950MOVE x1,y:PRINT s$
960PROCrectangle(400,600,250,1)
970PROCrectangle(750,300,800,350)
980GCOL 0,1
990VDL4
1000ENDPROC
1010REM=====
1020DEF PROCroot routine
1030LOCAL reply$,overlay_number
1040PRINT f1b0$;" Root ";f0b1$
1050REPEAT
1060REPEAT
1070PRINT "Type :-"
1080PRINT "RETURN to exit this demonstration, or"
1090PRINT "1A,10 or 2A to enter another routine"
1100INPUT reply$
1110UNTIL reply$="1A" OR reply$="10" OR reply$="2A" OR
R reply$=""
1120IF reply$="" THEN 1170
1130overlay_number=EVAL(MID$(reply$,1,1))
1140PROC("routine"+reply$+"("+"FOOT"+")",overlay_number)
1150PRINT f1b0$;" Root ";f0b1$;

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1160PRINT " return from overlay call"
1170UNTIL reply$=""
1180ENDPROC
1190REM=====
1200DEFPROCwindow(x1,y1,x2,y2,f,b,clear_flag)
1210VDU 20,x1,y1,x2,y2
1220COLOUR f
1230COLOUR b+128
1240IF clear_flag THEN CLS
1250ENDPROC
1260REM=====
1270REM Overlay handler routines
1280REM=====
1290DEFPROCinitialise_overlay_handler
1300max_nest=8:root=255:this_ov=255:max_depth=0
1310IF oscstr 15,ov_nest max_nest
1320ov_idx=0:ov_nest?0=root
1330ENDPROC
1340REM=====
1350DEFNOM(str%,ov_call$,ov_no)
1360REM routine to load overlay.
1370LOCAL ret,ret$
1380IF ov_idx>max_nest THEN VDU 7,7,7:GOTO 1640
1390IF ov_no<0 OR ov_no>255 THEN PRINT "illegal overl
ay":STOP
1400ov_idx=ov_idx+1
1410IF ov_idx>max_depth THEN max_depth=ov_idx
1420PROCwindow(18,0,19,0,1,0,TRUE)
1430PRINT ;max_depth;
1440ov_nest?ov_idx=ov_no
1450IF this_ov=ov_no THEN 1500
1460REM the overlay must be loaded into store.
1470PROCmovestring(4,25,6+2*ov_no,"OVER"+STR$(ov_no))
1480PROCosc_command("LOAD over"+STR$(ov_no)+" "+STR$
(O%))
1490this_ov=ov_no
1500PROCwindow(1,26,22,16,1,0,FALSE)
1510PRINT TAB(0,ov_idx)ov_call$
1520PROCwindow(0,31,39,26,0,1,TRUE)
1530IF str% THEN ret$=EVAL("FN"+ov_call$) ELSE ret$=EVAL
("FN"+ov_call$)
1540PROCwindow(1,26,22,16+ov_idx,1,0,TRUE)
1550ov_idx=ov_idx-1
1560REM need to load overlay?
1570IF ov_nest?ov_idx=this_ov THEN 1630
1580this_ov=ov_nest?(ov_idx)
1590IF this_ov=0 THEN this_ov=ov_nest?(ov_idx+1):G
OTO1630:REM return to root.
1600REM need to load previous overlay.
1610PROCmovestring(4,25,6+2*this_ov,"OVER"+STR$(this_
ov))
1620PROCosc_command("LOAD over"+STR$(this_ov)+" "+STR
$(O%))
1630PROCwindow(0,31,39,26,0,1,TRUE)
1640IF str% THEN =ret$ ELSE =ret
1650REM=====
1660DEFNOM(ov_call$,ov_no)
1670=FNom(FALSE,ov_call$,ov_no)
1680REM=====
1690DEFNOM(ov_call$,ov_no)
1700=FNom(TRUE,ov_call$,ov_no)
1710REM=====
1720DEFPROC(ov_call$,ov_no)
1730LOCAL :
1740=FNom(FALSE,ov_call$,ov_no)
1750ENDPROC
1760REM=====
1770DEFPROCosc_command(command$)
1780REM Proc. to achieve *LOAD
1790oscstr = command$
1800XX=oscstr MOD 256
1810YY=oscstr DIV 256
1820CALL *FFF7
1830ENDPROC
1840REM====End of Root=====

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used since it has been modified.

In the demonstration listing the size of the overlay area is specified. *Info should be used to determine the size of the overlay files produced. For example:

e.g. *INFO OVER1

OVER 1500 801F 2000 A7

The size of Over1 is 2000 bytes so the overlay area must be at least this big for the overlay to fit. The total size of the program will be:

program size = TOP - PAGE + overlay size - 2

When choosing line numbers, the root must have the lower line numbers and the overlay

routine the higher numbers. No overlay module can contain the same range of numbers as the root, but separate overlay modules can share the same range.

Care must be taken when correcting errors. If the root is changed after an overlay is loaded and then Saved it will be too big because both root and overlay will have been saved. Always load the root or relevant overlay before making alterations.

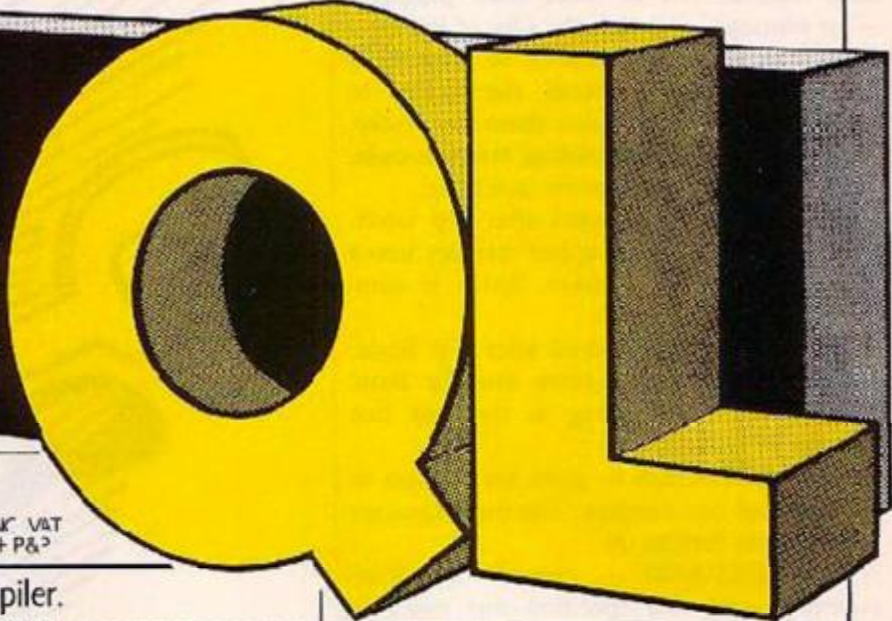
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The program was written to make it easier to modify and develop a Basic program and even combine two or more Basic programs — or routines — so that the idea of having a library of useful subroutines on cassette is quite feasible. In addition, the facility to create large Rems, or delete them at a stroke, is invaluable when assembling machine-code.

The following routines are available:

DOWN CODE — used after Up Code. Downloads the copy in upper memory into a specified line and Address. Space is automatically created.

DOWN BASIC — used after Up Basic. Brings the Basic copy down into the Basic area placing it according to the first line number of the block.

LINE ADDRESS — gives the address of the specified line number. The first character is four bytes further on.

REM EXPAND — expands the Rem statement with the specified line number, from a specified address, by a given number of bytes.

UP CODE — copies a given number of bytes from a given address, into upper memory.

UP BASIC — copies a block of Basic lines specified by first and last lines.

BLOCK DELETE — specify first and last lines.

RENUMBER BASIC — rennumbers a block of Basic lines specified by first and last lines. You are allowed to specify both the Increment and the New first line number. All non-computed Gotos, Gosubs, and Rums will be correctly changed, provided the line number is in four-digit form, e.g., Goto 1 as Goto 0001.

RENUMBER COPY — used after Up Basic. Only requires the Increment and New first line number to be specified.

The order in which the routines are listed may seem a little odd, but this is as they appear in the menu. This is dictated by the use of relative rather than absolute jumps in the machine-code to allow it to be position independent, and the entire program has been written in such a way that, as well as the machine code, the Basic menu can be transferred to upper memory — without overwriting existing upper memory contents — to allow the Loading of subsequent programs.

When required, the menu can be recalled, and it will not clash with the existing Basic as its lines are numbered A222 to A239 — 10222 to 10239. This is possible since the Rom checks the validity of a line number by only comparing the high byte with 40 decimal — 40 times 256 equals 10240, the first "non-valid" line number.

However, line numbers in the range 10000 to 11239 are only obtained by using the Renumber routine, as 9959 is the largest line you can enter direct from the keyboard. The menu lines are now tagged on to the end of the program you have just Loaded.



THE INVISIBLE TOOLKIT

Stuart Clarke presents a number of machine-code routines for the ZX-81 which are driven by a short Basic menu.

Report codes.

| | |
|--------|---|
| K/A234 | you have attempted to use Down Code when no copy exists in upper memory. |
| T/A233 | you have attempted to use Down Basic or Renumber Basic when the "live" copy is not Basic. |

System variables.

| | |
|-------------|--|
| 16388-16389 | Ramtop |
| 16507-16508 | Old Ramtop |
| 16444-16451 | Poked by menu |
| ZX&1 | variable pointing to the first location in the "jump table" accessing the machine-code routines. |

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Type in program 1, then duplicate line 1 using the Edit key so that you have 12 identical lines, numbered 1 to 12. Now Run program 1.

Type in program 2, and Run it. This is the hex loader. Enter the address 16544 — or the

Program 1.

```
1 REM .....
20 LET L=754
30 POKE 16511,68
```

```
30 POKE 16512,3
40 FOR N=16614 TO 17347
50 POKE N,1
60 NEXT N
```

Program 2.

```
10 INPUT S
20 LET A$=""
30 GOSUB 0150
40 IF A$="" THEN INPUT A$
50 IF A$="S" THEN STOP
60 LET X=16*CODE A$+CODE A$(2)
-476
70 POKE 5,X
80 LET Y=Y+X
90 LET C=C+1
100 LET S=S+1
110 PRINT A$( TO 2); " ";
120 LET A$=A$(3 TO )
130 IF C=5 THEN GOSUB 0150
140 GOTO 0040
150 PRINT TAB 25;Y
160 LET Y=0
170 LET C=0
180 PRINT S;TAB 5;
190 RETURN
```

Program 3.

```
10 LET F=16568
20 LET L=754
30 POKE 16444,F-256+INT (F/256)
40 POKE 16445,INT (F/256)
50 POKE 16446,L-256+INT (L/256)
60 POKE 16447,INT (L/256)
70 RAND USR 16767
80 RAND USR 16522
90 LET ZX81=PEEK 16388+256+PEE
K 16389+153
100 FAST
110 FOR N=0 TO 21
120 PRINT "
130 NEXT N
140 PRINT AT 1,1;"
150 PRINT AT 3,6;"ZX81=";ZX81;A
T 5,6;"PEEK 16507=";PEEK 16507;A
T 7,6;"PEEK 16508=";PEEK 16508
160 PRINT AT 10,1;"
170 PRINT AT 12,6;" RAND USR (Z
X81+2)"
180 PRINT AT 15,1;"
190 PRINT AT 17,6;"GOTO 10222"
200 FAST
210 PRINT AT 0,10;"
220 PRINT AT 2,0;"1.DN CODE-;LINE:AD
```

```
DR;" AT 4,0;"2.DN BASIC-;" AT 6,0
;"3.LN ADDR-;LINE;" AT 8,0;"4.RE
F EXP-;LINE BYTE ADDR;" AT 10,0
;"5.UD CODE-;ADDR BYTE;" AT 12,0
;"6.UFBASIC-;1ST LAST;" AT 14,0
;"7.BLK DEL-;1ST LAST;" AT 16,0
;"8.RENUM-;1ST LAST INCR NEUL
;" AT 18,0;"9.RENUM.C-;
INCR NEUL;" AT 21,0;"ENTER NO."
310 INPUT N
320 PRINT AT 2+N,1;"
330 FOR M=1 TO 4
340 INPUT Z
350 PRINT AT 0+N,6*M+6;"
AT 2+N,6*M+6;Z
360 POKE 16442+M*2,Z-256+INT (Z
/256)
370 POKE 16443+M*2,INT (Z/256)
380 NEXT M
390 CLS
400 IF N=2 OR N=9 THEN RAND USR
(ZX81+590)
410 IF N=1 OR N=2 OR N=9 THEN R
AND USR (ZX81+590)
420 LET ZX82=USR (ZX81+2+N-2)
430 IF N=5 OR N=6 OR N=9 THEN R
AND USR (ZX81+581)
440 IF N=3 THEN PRINT "ADDRESS
OF LINE "PEEK 16444+256+PEEK 16
445;" IS "ZX82
450 REM
460 REM
```

Program 4.

```
2 SAVE "TOOLKIT"
190 FAST
200 POKE 16444,10222-256+INT (1
0222/256)
210 POKE 16445,INT (10222/256)
220 POKE 16446,10239-256+INT (1
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0239/256)
230 POKE 16447,INT (10239/256)
240 RAND USR (ZX81+10)
250 POKE 16444,1
260 POKE 16445,0
270 LET N=7
280 GOTO 10235
```

appropriate address if you are resuming after a break — and enter the hex codes listed in figure 1. You may enter any number of bytes at a time, and the screen display should tally with figure 2. If you make a mistake input "S", which will stop the program. To recommence, simply Goto 10, and enter your new starting address.

When this is complete — and you should have Saved your program at several stages — Save the program thus far.

If your ZX-81 has the "unimproved" Rom, identified by Print Peek 5404 giving 253, then you must enter the five Pokes in fig.2 before Saving and proceeding further.

Type in program 3. This is most of the Basic required to transfer the code to upper memory and provide the operating menu. When you have Saved this, Run it. You should now have the menu on screen, so select 8 — Renumber — and enter the numbers 290, 460, 1, and 10222 in response to the prompts.

Almost immediately, the menu lines will be renumbered from A222 to A239 — 10222 to 10239.

If all is well, type in program 4, the remaining Basic, and Save the program again. You are now ready to Save this, the final completed program in auto-run mode. To do this simply Run the program whilst recording in the usual way. When the program has Saved, you will find that the Basic program area has been cleared and the menu lines are now stored above Ramtop where they will remain until required. Similarly, this occurs when you Load the auto-run version.

The Invisible Toolkit is now ready to use, so refer to the instructions and try it out.

Using the toolkit is easy. After Loading,

RAND USR (ZX81 + 2)

retrieves the Basic from above Ramtop, and Goto 10222 displays the menu. The first (continued on next page)

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prompt requires you to input your selection — 1 to 9 — and the next four prompts expect numerical input, for example line number, Address — or any number if the menu indicates a blank.

When you wish to Load another program

on which to use the toolkit, there are a couple of things to remember. First make sure that the menu lines are back above Ram:op — if not, use Copy Basic to do so. Then note down the contents of locations 16507 and 16508, as you will need to restore them after Loading.

Also, the variable ZX-81 will have to be

restored after Loading — also after Run and Clear, which are best avoided.

After you have LOADED the program you intend to work on, and restored the system variables 16507 and 16508, and ZX-81

RANDUSR (ZX81 + 2)

and away you go!

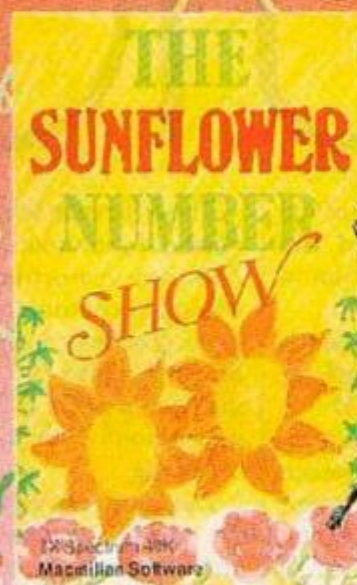
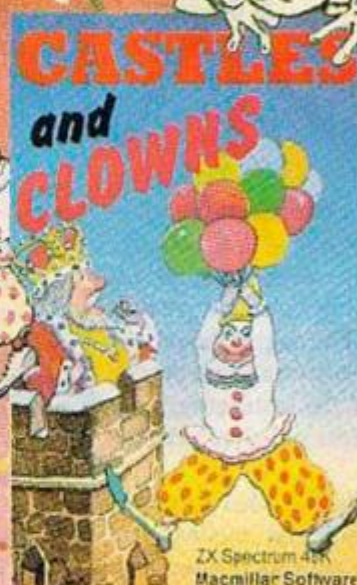
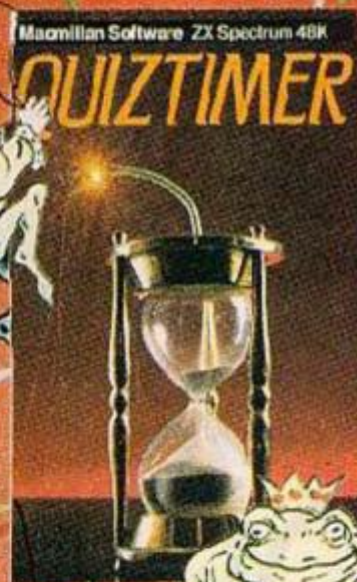
Figure 1.

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
| 16514 | 00 00 D1 00 53 | =292 | 16754 | 22 04 40 C5 E5 | =528 | 17044 | CD BB 05 42 4B | =538 |
| 16519 | 00 76 76 ED 5B | =564 | 16759 | 2A 02 40 A7 ED | =512 | 17049 | C5 CD 20 15 CD | =660 |
| 16524 | 04 40 ED 53 7B | =511 | 16804 | 42 22 02 40 ED | =403 | 17054 | F8 13 C1 E1 E5 | =914 |
| 16529 | 40 21 81 40 CD | =495 | 16809 | 73 36 40 2A 36 | =329 | 17059 | C5 23 77 23 73 | =501 |
| 16534 | A5 40 D5 3E 02 | =506 | 16814 | 40 A7 ED 42 F9 | =783 | 17064 | 23 72 23 71 23 | =332 |
| 16539 | CD A5 40 CD AD | =812 | 16819 | 09 ED 5B 7B 40 | =524 | 17069 | 70 C1 E1 2B 1B | =597 |
| 16544 | 40 3D 20 F7 C9 | =605 | 16824 | EB A7 ED 52 44 | =789 | 17074 | 02 18 93 16 04 | =199 |
| 16549 | 23 4E 23 46 EB | =453 | 16829 | 4D 2A 36 40 ED | =474 | 17079 | EB D5 CD 20 15 | =700 |
| 16554 | 09 EB C9 EB FD | =933 | 16834 | 73 5D 40 ED 5B | =600 | 17084 | EF C0 34 01 0A | =494 |
| 16559 | E1 C1 C5 71 23 | =763 | 16839 | 5D 40 ED B0 E1 | =795 | 17089 | 00 C0 20 15 EF | =497 |
| 16564 | 70 EB FD E9 2A | =075 | 16844 | C1 D1 D5 EB ED | =1067 | 17094 | C1 05 24 C2 E1 | =653 |
| 16569 | 3C 40 CD D8 09 | =554 | 16849 | B0 E1 D1 C1 C9 | =1004 | 17099 | 04 E2 01 03 E2 | =468 |
| 16574 | E5 2A 3F 40 23 | =432 | 16854 | 18 04 18 1E 18 | =105 | 17104 | 34 C0 A7 0E C5 | =635 |
| 16579 | CD D8 09 D1 CD | =844 | 16859 | 12 CD B8 40 C5 | =605 | 17109 | CD C0 15 C1 D1 | =833 |
| 16584 | 17 0F C9 2A 04 | =280 | 16864 | CD 60 0A 2A 29 | =394 | 17114 | E1 C6 1C 77 2B | =513 |
| 16589 | 40 E5 2A 3E 40 | =461 | 16869 | 40 A7 C1 ED 42 | =727 | 17119 | 15 23 D5 18 56 | =440 |
| 16594 | 18 13 18 F5 21 | =345 | 16874 | 22 29 40 C9 FD | =593 | 17124 | 18 C0 2A 7B 40 | =453 |
| 16599 | 10 27 22 2B 40 | =196 | 16879 | 0B 01 EE FD CB | =89A | 17129 | 22 46 40 2A 24 | =214 |
| 16604 | 2A 04 40 E5 CD | =544 | 16884 | 01 A6 18 52 FD | =526 | 17134 | 40 FD CB 01 6E | =531 |
| 16609 | 8B 05 EB CD D8 | =648 | 16889 | CB 01 AE FD CB | =634 | 17139 | 20 18 00 00 00 | =56 |
| 16614 | 09 E5 2A 7B 40 | =467 | 16894 | 01 A6 21 7D 40 | =389 | 17144 | 00 00 00 2A 3E | =104 |
| 16619 | ED 5B 04 40 CD | =601 | 16899 | FD CB 01 9E E5 | =844 | 17149 | 40 23 CD D8 09 | =529 |
| 16624 | 17 0A E1 E5 C5 | =684 | 16904 | 23 23 23 23 7E | =266 | 17154 | 22 46 40 2A 3C | =270 |
| 16629 | 2B CD 4E 09 C1 | =608 | 16909 | FE FA 20 04 FD | =793 | 17159 | 40 CD D8 09 00 | =494 |
| 16634 | D1 E1 C5 ED B0 | =1044 | 16914 | CB 01 DE 7E FE | =606 | 17164 | 00 ED 4B 40 40 | =440 |
| 16639 | C1 C5 2A 02 40 | =490 | 16919 | 76 C1 23 2B 1F | =417 | 17169 | ED 5B 42 40 C5 | =655 |
| 16644 | 09 22 02 40 ED | =346 | 16924 | 2B C5 7E CD 84 | =751 | 17174 | D5 D1 C1 7A FE | =001 |
| 16649 | 73 36 40 2A 36 | =329 | 16929 | 07 7E FE EC 2B | =663 | 17179 | 2B 38 03 11 0F | =131 |
| 16654 | 40 09 F9 A7 ED | =726 | 16934 | 2B FE ED 2B 21 | =601 | 17184 | 27 72 23 73 2B | =346 |
| 16659 | 42 ED 5B 04 40 | =462 | 16939 | FE F7 2B 1D FD | =823 | 17189 | EB 09 EB C5 D5 | =889 |
| 16664 | EB A7 ED 52 44 | =789 | 16944 | CB 01 3C 20 20 | =365 | 17194 | CD F2 09 EB ED | =926 |
| 16669 | 4D ED 5B 7B 40 | =592 | 16949 | DF E1 CD F2 09 | =904 | 17199 | 5B 46 40 A7 E5 | =621 |
| 16674 | 2A 04 40 ED 53 | =430 | 16954 | EB ED 5B 0C 40 | =639 | 17204 | ED 52 E1 20 DE | =798 |
| 16679 | 04 40 1B 2B ED | =375 | 16959 | A7 E5 ED 52 E1 | =940 | 17209 | D1 D1 FD CB 01 | =875 |
| 16684 | EB 18 34 2A 3C | =362 | 16964 | 2B 04 18 B8 18 | =279 | 17214 | E6 FD CB 01 6E | =797 |
| 16689 | 40 CD D5 09 44 | =562 | 16969 | B6 18 3C 23 23 | =335 | 17219 | C0 18 9E 21 FE | =661 |
| 16694 | 4D C9 ED 4B 3E | =652 | 16974 | 23 23 23 E5 7E | =460 | 17224 | 27 C0 B8 09 23 | =504 |
| 16699 | 40 2A 40 40 2B | =277 | 16979 | CD B4 07 20 2D | =469 | 17229 | 23 5E 23 5E 13 | =269 |
| 16704 | E5 C5 CD 9E 09 | =798 | 16984 | 23 7E FE 76 20 | =565 | 17234 | 13 72 2B 73 19 | =316 |
| 16709 | C1 E1 C5 41 3E | =742 | 16989 | 27 E1 E5 FD CB | =949 | 17239 | 2B 01 02 00 C5 | =243 |
| 16714 | 1B 23 77 10 FC | =449 | 16994 | 01 65 20 29 23 | =211 | 17244 | E5 CD 9E 09 D1 | =810 |
| 16719 | 18 12 18 81 18 | =219 | 16999 | 7E 23 5E 23 56 | =375 | 17249 | C1 21 7B 40 ED | =650 |
| 16724 | 01 18 D8 18 DF | =616 | 17004 | 23 4E 23 46 CD | =423 | 17254 | B0 C9 CD 23 0F | =632 |
| 16729 | 18 24 18 2B 18 | =151 | 17009 | 8D 15 C5 E1 CD | =769 | 17259 | 21 FE 27 CD D8 | =747 |
| 16734 | 77 18 77 18 77 | =405 | 17014 | D8 09 18 02 18 | =275 | 17264 | 09 23 23 5E 23 | =208 |
| 16739 | 2A 3C 40 CD D8 | =597 | 17019 | BH E5 C1 E1 2B | =576 | 17269 | 56 D5 1B 1B 72 | =467 |
| 16744 | 09 C1 20 0B 23 | =280 | 17024 | 70 2B 71 18 B1 | =469 | 17274 | 2B 73 D1 D5 19 | =605 |
| 16749 | 23 5E 23 56 EB | =435 | 17029 | D1 18 AE FD CB | =563 | 17279 | 7E FE EA 20 07 | =653 |
| 16754 | 09 EB 72 2B 73 | =516 | 17034 | 01 66 2B 5B C9 | =432 | 17284 | D1 2B 72 2B 73 | =524 |
| 16759 | 2A 29 40 09 22 | =190 | 17039 | 2B 56 2B 5E EB | =501 | 17289 | CF 13 D1 01 02 | =438 |
| 16764 | 29 40 C9 2A 3C | =406 | | | | 17294 | 00 C5 11 7C 40 | =402 |
| 16769 | 40 ED 4B 3E 40 | =502 | | | | 17299 | ED B8 23 C1 E5 | =878 |
| 16774 | 1B 03 CD B8 40 | =480 | | | | 17304 | 09 EB E1 CD B0 | =770 |
| 16779 | C5 D5 E5 CD C5 | =1041 | | | | 17309 | 0A C9 2A 04 40 | =321 |
| 16784 | 0E 2A 04 40 22 | =158 | | | | 17314 | 7E FE 20 00 09 | =477 |
| 16789 | 76 40 A7 ED 42 | =657 | | | | 17319 | 2A 7B 40 2B 7E | =398 |
| | | | | | | 17324 | FE 76 2B 02 CF | =621 |
| | | | | | | 17329 | 1C C9 | |

Figure 2.

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POKE 17051,28
POKE 17054,244
POKE 17082,28
POKE 17091,28
POKE 17110,201
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THIS MONTH I complete the description of the 68008 instruction set which I started last month. I also provide a brief introduction to QDOS.

Three instructions are included which operate on byte sized operands and perform Binary Coded Decimal — BCD — arithmetic. The add decimal with extend instruction — ABCD — adds the source operand and destination operand and extend bit together using BCD arithmetic, placing the result in the destination operand and if necessary setting the extend bit to allow multi-precision BCD arithmetic.

The operands must either both be contained in data registers, or else in memory locations addressed indirectly through address registers. In the case of memory to memory addition only the pre-decrement addressing mode is available, to facilitate multi-precision addition.

The subtract decimal with extend instruction — SBCD — subtracts the source operand and extend bit from the destination operand using BCD arithmetic. The addressing modes are the same as for the ABCD instruction.

The negate decimal with extend instruction — NBCD — subtracts the destination operand, which is of size byte, and the extend bit, from zero placing the result in the destination. Thus the instruction produces the ten's complement of a BCD number if the extend bit is reset and the nine's complement otherwise.

Program control instructions cover jump, branch, set and returns, both conditional and unconditional. First, a word about the 68008 notation which I find confusing. To me a jump is the assembler equivalent of a Goto instruction whereas a call is the equivalent of a Gosub instruction. In the 68008 instruction set both branch and jump — BRA and JMP — are used as Goto and branch to sub routine and jump to subroutine — BSR and JSR — are used as Gosub.

The difference between branch and jump — whether to sub routine or not — is as follows: A branch instruction can cause program execution to continue at a displacement relative to the program counter. The displacement can be either signed byte — to give a short branch shown as a suffix .S after the instruction — or signed word. This produces position independent code.

The jump instruction on the other hand can use many different addressing modes, and thus allows a jump to an address greater than plus or minus 32K from the program counter which is the limitation of the branch instruction. In fact a jump can use any effective addressing mode other than the obvious ones, i.e. register direct modes, pre-decrement and post-increment modes and immediate modes.

The conditional instructions provide branching and setting on the following conditions. The table below shows the mnemonic, the condition and the state of the flags for the test to succeed. Note that true test will always succeed and the false test will always fail. The

equal test will only succeed if the zero (Z) bit is asserted.

So now on to the actual instructions first, the branch instructions. The branch always — BRA, branch conditional — Bcc — and branch to subroutine — BSR — all produce a program counter relative branch. The conditional instruction is formed by taking the required conditional mnemonic and replacing the cc to give BEQ, BNE etc.

There is also a test condition, decrement and branch instruction (DBcc) which I described last month.

The jump instructions follow a similar pattern and are jump — JMP — and jump to subroutine — JSR. You will see that there is no conditional jump and so if you need to jump rather than branch conditionally you will need to perform a conditional branch to a jump instruction.

The set according to condition instruction — Scc — sets a byte operand to true — all ones — if the condition is true, else it sets the byte to false — all zeros.

There are two Return instructions to enable return from a subroutine. Return from subroutine — RTS — pulls the program counter from the top of the stack. Return and restore pulls both the condition codes and program counter from the stack. Note however, that branch and jump to subroutine instructions do not store the condition codes on the stack so if you wish to use this instruction your subroutine must store the condition codes on the stack at the start of the subroutine.

System control instructions fall into three categories, i.e. privileged, trap generating and status register instructions.

As was briefly mentioned in last month's article the 68008 can operate in two different modes, namely user and supervisor mode. Supervisor mode is indicated by bit 13 of the status register being set, and provides some additional instructions — i.e. privileged

| Code | Condition | Test |
|------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| T | true | 1 |
| F | false | 0 |
| HI | high | not C, not Z |
| LS | low or same | C + Z |
| CC | carry clear | not C |
| CS | carry set | C |
| NE | not equal | not Z |
| EQ | equal | Z |
| VC | overflow clear | not V |
| VS | overflow set | V |
| PL | plus | not N |
| MI | minus | N |
| GE | greater or equal | N . V + not N . not V |
| LT | less than | N . not V + not N . V |
| GT | greater than | N . V . not Z + not N . not V . not Z |
| LE | less or equal | Z + N . not V + not N . V |

instructions — which are not available when operating in user mode. They are as follows:

Three instructions are provided to provide immediate bitwise logical manipulation of the status register. They are ORI to SR, ANI to SR and EORI to SR and all have size word.

A special move instruction, move to status register, is available with operand size word which allows the whole of the status register to be loaded. So far all these instructions are privileged because they potentially can set the supervisor bit in the status register, and this is not a facility available to programs operating in user mode.

There is also an instruction to move the user stack pointer to an effective address. This enables the user stack to be examined when in supervisor mode.

And finally in the privileged set of instructions there are Stop which halts the program execution, Reset which resets external devices and return from exception — RTE — which is a return from interrupts, traps and pulls both the status register and program counter from the stack.

There are three trap generating instructions, trap — Trap — trap on overflow — TrapV — and check register against bounds — CHK. A trap forces execution to continue at an address held in a table of vectors near the bottom of program memory and also causes the processor to enter supervisor mode. There

are 16 trap vectors, and the first five, i.e., Trap # 0 forces the processor into supervisor mode. Trap # 1, 2 and 3 are system call traps with the particular call recognised by a number passed in d0.

Trap # 4 is used by the Basic command interpreter. The other traps can be redirected using a QDOS system call. TrapV is used to force a trap on overflow so that the programmer has control of the situations when this would or would not be catastrophic. CHK allows the contents of a data register to be checked against some boundary conditions, forcing a trap exception if the data register is out of bounds.

Finally, the status register instructions which are not privileged. The condition code register — CCR — is the low byte of the status register. So ANDI to CCR, ORI to CCR, EORI to CCR Move to CCR are all byte size versions or the similar instructions already described in the privileged instruction section above. There is also a move status register to effective address which allows the status register to be stored.

A brief introduction to QDOS is an essential part of a series on assembler on the 68008, but brief is the operative word. To do justice to the subject would require a book, and in Part 1 of this series I gave the names of two such books. So instead of attempting to cover the various system calls, etc, I will try to give



you the flavour of QDOS without going into detail.

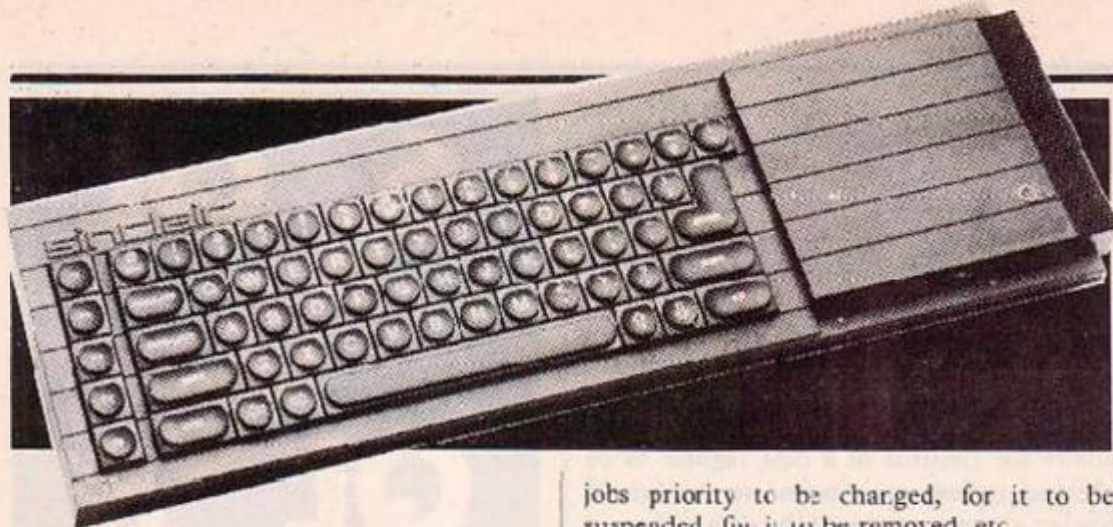
What is QDOS? It is a collection of software procedures — system calls — which can be invoked by assembly language programs — using a Trap instruction — to perform commonly required operations on the QL.

These operations include manager traps which manage the QL's resources, io allocation traps which allocate input and output channels and serial io traps which execute serial io operations and include all the screen driver routines.

An executable program — i.e. one which is activated using the Exec command on the QL.

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| LOC | OBJECT | STMT | SOURCE STATEMENT |
|-------|-----------|------|---|
| | | 2 | |
| | | 3 | !Copyright P.A.Holliday 1985 |
| | | 4 | !demonstration of multi-tasking |
| | | 5 | !assembled with METACOMCC assembler |
| | | 6 | |
| | =FFFF | 7 | this_job equ -1 |
| | | 8 | |
| | =0108 | 9 | mt_susjb equ \$108 |
| | =0111 | 10 | mt_ipcom equ \$111 |
| | | 11 | |
| | | 12 | QDOS macro |
| | | 13 | moveq #1&FFF,d0 |
| | | 14 | trap #1/\$100 |
| | | 15 | enda |
| | | 16 | |
| | | 17 | !first initialise loop counter |
| | | 18 | |
| 000C' | 740C | 19 | start moveq #12,d2 |
| | | 20 | |
| | | 21 | !then go brrr.brrr |
| | | 22 | |
| 0002' | 6116 | 23 | loop bsr.c ring |
| 0004' | 6114 | 24 | bsr.s ring |
| | | 25 | |
| | | 26 | !now wait a bit |
| | | 27 | |
| 0006' | 611E | 28 | bsr.s delay |
| | | 29 | |
| | | 30 | !and loop back if d2 not yet = -1 |
| | | 31 | |
| 000B' | 51CA FFFB | 32 | dbra d2,loop |
| | | 33 | |
| | | 34 | !now wait for 60 secs by suspending job |
| | | 35 | !for 3000 frames |
| | | 36 | |
| 000C' | 72FF | 37 | moveq #this_job,d1 |
| 000E' | 363C 08BB | 38 | move.v #3C00,d3 |
| 0012' | 93C9 | 39 | suba.l al,al |
| | | 40 | QDOS mt_susjb |
| 0014' | 7008 | 40+ | moveq #mt_susjb&FFF,d0 |
| 0016' | 4E41 | 40+ | trap #mt_susjb/\$100 |
| | | 41 | |
| | | 42 | !then do it all again |
| | | 43 | |
| | | 44 | bra.s start |
| | | 45 | |
| | | 46 | !sub routine to go brrr |
| | | 47 | |
| | | 48 | ring lea ptr_blk,d3 |
| | | 49 | QDOS mt_ipcom |
| | | 49+ | moveq #mt_ipcom&FFF,d0 |
| | | 49+ | trap #mt_ipcom/\$100 |
| | | 50 | bsr.s delay |
| | | 51 | rts |
| | | 52 | |
| | | 53 | !sub routine to suspend job for |
| | | 54 | !0.6 second,i.e.40 frames |
| | | 55 | |
| | | 56 | delay moveq #this_job,d1 |
| | | 57 | move.v #10,d3 |
| | | 58 | suba.l al,al |
| | | 59 | QDOS mt_susjb |
| | | 59+ | moveq #mt_susjb&FFF,d0 |
| | | 59+ | trap #mt_susjb/\$100 |
| | | 60 | rts |
| | | 61 | |
| | | 62 | !parameter block for beep |
| | | 63 | !these were found by trial and error |
| | | 64 | |
| | | 65 | ptr_blk dc.b \$A beep cmd |
| | | 66 | dc.b 10 no of ptrs |
| | | 67 | dc.l \$FFF0AAA size string |
| | | 68 | dc.b 10 pitch 1 |
| | | 69 | dc.b 13 pitch 2 |
| | | 70 | dc.w 32770 grad_: |
| | | 71 | dc.w 6944 duration |
| | | 72 | dc.b 8 grad_y |
| | | 73 | dc.b 1 wrap |
| | | 74 | dc.b 0 rand |
| | | 75 | dc.b 0 tuzz |
| | | 76 | dc.b 1 no reply |
| | | 77 | |
| | | 78 | end |



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— or on which is in the resident procedure area and is executed with a Cal. command is known as a job. A job can be in one of three distinct states, known as active, suspended or inactive.

QDOS supports a multi-tasking environment. That is more than one job can appear to be running at the same time. This is not in fact what actually happens. The 68008 processor can only execute one instruction at a time, and so each job is given a priority and is allocated an appropriate slice of the processors time by the scheduler, which is activated 50 times a second by the hardware interrupt.

An active job will have a priority of from 1 to 127 — the higher the number the greater the amount of time allocated to it by the scheduler. A suspended job will have been created with a priority just like an active job, but the scheduler will not allow it to run for a given number of time slices. An inactive job has a priority of 0. The manager traps enable a

jobs priority to be changed, for it to be suspended, for it to be removed, etc.

Other manager traps control allocation of memory in the transient procedure area and the resident procedure area, enable communication with the second processor which handles the serial io ports, sound generation and the keyboard. Finally, there are a set of traps which allow QDOS to be extended with additional user written device drivers and interrupt servers, making it possible for instance to extend QDOS to handle disk drives or to perform terminal emulation.

The io allocation traps enable jobs to open and close channels, to format media and to delete files.

The serial io traps enable data to be read or written to an opened channel either a byte at a time or as a string of bytes. The screen driver commands cover operations to modify a window, control the cursor, clear a part of a window, set the colours and perform some graphic operations on a window such as plot, draw etc. There are also some traps to enable the file subsystem to deal with direct access

68008 QL

files and entire file load and save.

There are also some utility routines which are not strictly a part of QDOS in that they are not essential to the operation of the QL, and the most important of these utilities is the Basic interpreter.

This month's program example will produce a sound like a telephone, whilst any other program, either Basic or executable machine code, is running. The program is commented and is self explanatory. To run it type Exec filename — I have called mine phone.exe — and it will ring 12 times, followed by one minute's delay, after which it will repeat ad nauseam.

Next month I will present a major routine written in assembler. It is a debug program which will allow registers and flags to be displayed and changed, programs to be loaded and then single stepped, and several other features.

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FALL GUY

Competition RESULTS

TWO TICKETS to Hollywood were on offer as the first prize in January's Fall Guy competition. For the runners-up there were three BMX bikes. To be in the running you had to identify eight computers from their photographs.

Then we asked you to dream up a title for a new blockbuster TV series or film about computers. The computers in the photographs were as follows: 1. Enterprise; 2. Spectrum +; 3. Newbrain; 4. Atari 600 XL; 5. Acorn Atom; 6. Acorn Electron; 7. Text TX-8000; 8. Commodore Plus 4.

The hope of being Westward Bound inspired a number of highly entertaining entries. Film buffs will spot the references among the following suggestions: "I Married a Blob from Sinclair Research" from A. Miller; "Indiana Jones and the Architecture of the 6800" from P. Manolis; "Hackers of the Late ROM" from A. Johnson; and C.

Lane's "The Kilobyte Syndrome".

One of the best was V. Carroll's "Core Binary! It's 'Cursorman'". This was just pipped at the post for the one of the first prizes by "Qwerty Harry with Squint Eastward" from R. H. Storey 18, Conifer Close, Lutterworth, Leics. We awarded the other trip to Hollywood to J. Mirson, 6 Muswell Avenue, London N10, who supplied not just one title but a complete TV schedule for a new computer, Channel 5:

- 5.30 **THE CLIVE AND CHRIS SHOW**
Zany slapstick comedy from a Cambridge pub.
- 6.00 **NEWS**
Read by a Currah Speech Unit.
- 6.30 **KNIGHT RIDER**
Thrills and spills as Sir Clive takes to the road in his trusty C5 ... after dark! Who is the mystery computer magnate in the Rolls Royce behind? Last in the series.

- 7.15 **Q.L. DONGLE**
The cop with the detachable bit. Postponed from June '984.
- 8.00 **SPACE TREK**
The good ship Enterprise finally arrives somewhere — even later than Q.L. Dongle!
- 9.00 **NEWS**
With sub-titles for those who couldn't understand the Currah.
- 9.30 **THE BIG FILM: THE RISE AND FALL OF THE ROM ADD-ON EMPIRE**
(Disaster movie; 1984) The dramatic fortunes of Dave Ian, Bruce and Eugene, four kids living fast in a world that defines imagination! Not suitable for children.
- 11.00 **INTERNATIONAL BOXING**
Jack Tramial vs The Commodore Killer. Plus after the (last orders) bell action from The Baron of Beef, Cambridge. Record 'n' bytes action. Not suitable for anyone.
- 12.00 **HAWAII 5:0**
Steve McCarro: investigates a ZX81 Error Code in the Pacific. (B/W)
- 12.30 **CLAIRE RAMERS POCKET COMPUTER**
Claire Ramer is forced to betray the confidences of more clients in order to afford new Eproms for her Psion Organiser.
- 1.00 **SHUTDOWN**
Caused by an overheating power supply.

Working on the basis that anyone over 18 was too old to win one of the three BMX bikes, we awarded them instead to T. Blacke, 8 Valley Gardens, Downend, Bristol; S. Nolan, 43 Hhanemann Rd, Liverpool; H. Halton, 39 Primrose Lane, Burton Ave., Hunslet, Leeds.



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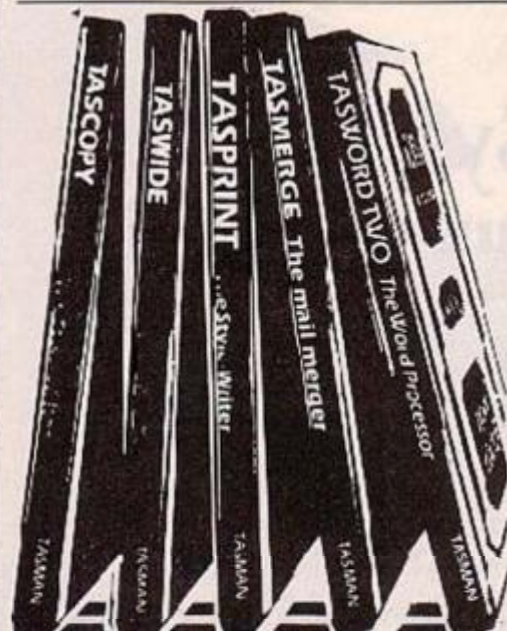
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CHARACTER SET

Type in the listing and then save it before running.

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9908 CLEAR 64958
9918 FOR F=65328 TO 65365: READ
  1: DATA F: 1: NEXT F
9928 RANDOMIZE USA 65358
9938 DATA 33.8,61.17,57.252,1.0,
  5,126,280,47,382,18,19,35,11,123
  ,175,32,244,33,57,251,34,54,92,2
  81

```

Owners of Commodore's 1520 printer/plotter know that it has the device number 5 instead of the usual number 4. This means the plotter cannot be used as a printer with software that uses a printer with device number 4. This short routine (below) allows the plotter to be addressed with a 4. It is activated by Sys 679.

```

1 KEY BASIC LOADER TO ENABLE
2 REM 1232 PRINTER-PLLOTTER TO USE
3 REM A DEVICE NUMBER OF 4
4 REM BY MODEM 41235
5 REM ACTION BY 531 679
6 REM MUST BE RE-ACTIVATED AFTER
7 REM A HARD RESET
10 FOR M1022
20 READ POKL+679,A
30 NEXT
40 DATA 185,176,141,21,3,189,2,141,27,3,
50,1,72,65
60 DATA 185,201,4,208,4,108,6,195,106,10
7,4,49,78,24,262

```

Below is a machine-code fill routine. It is possible to break it with Symbol Shift and Stop. The routine also sometimes breaks itself to prevent a crash. When you Run the program, it asks you where to place the routine. Remember to put it above Ramtop.

Example: Putting the routine at 320C0.

Type CLEAR 31999: RUN
Type 32000

SAVE example: (s:ll 32000)
SAVE "fill" CODE 32000.95

LOAD example:
LOAD "fill"CODE 32000

Use the routine *this way*:
PLOT INVERSE I,x,y LET

L = USSR routine address.

```

      5 LET X=0
      10 INPUT A$ FOR I=0 TO 45
      20 READ A, POKI A=ADD$ A
      30 LET I=I+1
      40 NEXT A
      50 IF I=1 THEN PRINT "DATA"
      60 DATA 33, 31, 125, 92, 213, 200
      70 DATA 191, 6, 209, 254, 226, 204, 62, 4, 11
      80 DATA 4, 12, 93, 183, 80, 7, 114, 242, 36, 7
      90 DATA 66, 75, 205, 174, 34, 71, 4, 72, 120, 7
      100 DATA 6, 283, 203, 71, 192, 203, 199, 65, 16
      110 DATA 6, 92, 119, 7
      120 DATA 36, 0, 52, 178, 146, 230, 6
      130 DATA 0, 42, 230, 248, 111, 41, 41, 283, 37, 7
      140 DATA 4, 28, 37, 6, 38, 6, 92, 141, 98, 11
      150 DATA 1, 1, 4, 6, 2, 21, 9, 20, 1, 175, 10
      160 DATA 23, 100, 1, 128, 21, 21, 205, 4, 115, 10
      170 DATA 88, 0

```

RETAIL PROBLEM

Greg Wills,
Yeovil

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■ I have an Alphacom 32 printer attached to my Spectrum. I have discovered that while I can dump hi-res pictures from the screen of nearly all commercial programs I own — such as *Valhalla* — I cannot do it with *The Hobbit*. Does this mean that the Alphacom is not totally compatible with the Spectrum? I only get rubbish when I try to Copy frames from *The Hobbit*. Why is this?

J M Holiday,
Shoeburyness,
Essex.

I RANG PHILIP Mitchell, the programmer who wrote *The Hobbit* and

Do you have a problem related to your micro? Tim Hartnell will do his best to help. Please include only one question per letter and mark it "Response Frame". Alternatively, perhaps you have an idea you'd like to pass on to others. Why not write to us with your top tips?

put your question to him. He said the fault does not lie in your printer. The program was written in such a way that it is not possible to access the Copy command while a hi-res picture is on the screen. However, you should have no trouble dumping text.

■ Recently I watched a commercial piece of software loading on a BBC Micro, and was amazed to hear a tune being played at the same time. I think this is a very good idea, as it is often so boring waiting for the program to load. Could you tell me how I could do this?

N A Holland

Gendros,
Suzanne

TO DO THIS, you have to be able to divert the CPU's interrupt calls to your own program, while the other loading continues. This means you have to go into machine code. Therefore, it is not a particularly easy thing to do.

■ I am 16 years old and am thinking of buying my first computer. I am mainly thinking of the Commodore 64. The computer I buy will be used for playing games and doing some simple programming. I have read in many magazines, including *Your Computer*, comments that the 64 is difficult to program, and that an upgraded Basic should be bought for this purpose. Could you please tell me if the 64's Basic is adequate for my use, or should I buy a better Basic. If so, which one should I buy?

Vincent Tuddenham.

*Malbarton,
Nerwich*

IT IS UNREALISTIC to talk about buying an upgraded Basic for a computer you have not yet used. Many, many people — possibly the largest group of computer owners in the world have found the 64's Basic more than adequate. It is not, however, an easy

Easy to use, with extremely unfriendly graphics and sound commands. Despite this, extremely good results can be obtained.

If you are still in the beginner stages of using a computer, which I assume you are from your letter, you might be better served with the Spectrum, or Spectrum+, if you can accept the non-standard keyboard.

Finally, if you can afford it, I suggest you should seriously investigate the BBC Micro or Amstrad, as these give you access to computing power of a standard which the Spectrum and Commodore 64 do not possess.

■ I have recently been working on a long, complex graphics program for the 48K Spectrum, but have hit upon disaster. I recorded over part of my only copy, and so I am now unable to use it. Every time I reach this spot in loading, I get a tape loading error. The last line loaded, 6316, is filled with question marks. Deleting this line does nothing. Is there any way I can save my work?

D Naylor,
Huby,
Leeds.

IT SEEMS that the simplest way to do it would be to LList the corrupted version, and type it in again. And, never only take one copy of important programs.

■ I am writing to you to inquire whether it would be possible for you to write me a small machine language routine which would scroll ASCII characters right and left, as in *Frogger*? This would be for my Atari 600XL.

*S Hawkes,
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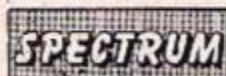
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A crew that has been dropped at a plantation will work diligently while you use the truck for other business but the crew will not move to another plantation unless you take them there. You may call a crew to you by sounding a siren on your truck.

Your truck can carry a maximum of nine logs but if you attempt to overfill it, you will find that another log will fall off and be lost. The maximum speed of the truck is governed by the terrain and the log-load. Each sawmill shows in green the number of logs that it has in hand for processing, but if the number is less than 20 the display is white. These numbers will decrease periodically as the logs are processed but will increase if you make a delivery. Your score will show the total number of logs that you have delivered. If any sawmill runs out of logs then your contract is terminated and the game is over.

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To Resume after hold re-press H.

To drop off a crew, stop the truck on the trail alongside the required position and press the appropriate direction key. Because of the bumpy ride you must not carry a crew if you are driving on a plantation. To pick up a log, press appropriate direction key. If you inadvertently drive into a tree, it will be up-rooted but

will not be suitable as a log for a sawmill.

To deliver logs, stop the truck on the trail alongside any sawmill and press A. If the truck is on a trail you may call a nearby crew to you by pressing C.

To enter the program, first type and save program 1. Then enter and run the hex loader. Now enter program 2 and save it using:

SAVE "a" CODE 40672,404

Next enter and save the program 3 with:

SAVE "b" CODE 40672,1420

Delete the hex loader and enter and save program 4.

Program 1.

```
2 REM "1"
4 CLEAR 39999
5 PRINT AT 7,0: PAPER 5: BRIG
HT 1:"TIMBER!.....@ NICK HOCKADAY
Y 1985"
3 LOAD "a" CODE 40672,404
10 RANDOMIZE USR 41000
12 LOAD "b" CODE 40672,1420
14 LOAD "c"
```

The hex loader.

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10 DEF FN h(h$)=16*(CODE h$(1)
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41464: 228BA42A77A45747 = 817
41472: 3A785C5F1911E09E = 789
41480: A7E5ED52E1380511 = 1018
41488: A002ED52277A4E6 = 1028
41496: 0328010478F6C047 = 677
41504: 7EE6F990200CCBEE = 1234
41512: CBB611E09E3E30CD = 1059
41520: 249FC303A1676F22 = 802
41528: 86A43A74A4474F21 = 819
41536: 60A1232310FC5E23 = 737
41544: 561B7228737AB320 = 718
41552: 10064021C05A3610 = 471
41560: 2310FB3E0332815C = 638
41568: C9413E078032815C = 734
41576: 79FE042001AF3C32 = 697
41584: 74A4C9676F2284A4 = 1025
41592: ED5B7CA43A005C47 = 837
41600: 3A045CB8380178FE = 769
41608: 4FCA2BA3FE5ACA27 = 1072
41616: A3FE41CA29A3FE50 = 1222
41624: CA25A3FE43281AFE = 1043
41632: 512809FE48C203A1 = 814
41640: 3E0218023E01060A = 169
41648: CD129F10FB32815C = 920
41656: C93A9EA4FE03287D = 1003
41664: 3A78A4A72077D5CD = 1081
41672: 5C9FEBCE7ED1206D = 1165
41680: 2A7EA4CD729F470E = 895
41688: 012A80A4CD729FB8 = 997
41696: 3002470C2A82A4CD = 674
41704: 729FB830020E0306 = 530
41712: 0ACD009FCD129F10 = 772
41720: F8D5217CA4412323 = 917
41728: 10FC5E2356E5CD5C = 1029
41736: 9FEBCEB9ECD849FE1 = 1476
41744: D1722B73CD5C9FEB = 1172
41752: CD929F219EA4343E = 979
41760: 0C32815CC9141D1C = 561
41768: 1C1D1415AFBA280D = 512

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41776: BB280A3E218A2805 = 563
41784: 3E16882006CD009F = 573
41792: C303A12A7CA42294 = 871
41800: A4ED5398A43E05CD = 1072
41808: A09F7CE688FE8828 = 1239
41816: 177CA72813E60FE = 1081
41824: 20203E7DE60FE60 = 1055
41832: 20063A7BA4A72006 = 588
41840: CD009FC303A14F7C = 926
41848: 0FE607473C3C3C32 = 553
41856: 815C216AA4232310 = 610
41864: FC78327BA45E2356 = 924
41872: FB09EB722E732A75 = 910
41880: A4092275A4CD129F = 870
41888: C93A9EA4A72846CB = 1061
41896: 7C28123E06CDA09F = 822
41904: 444D3D3DCDA09FCB = 994
41912: DECD929F3D3DCDA0 = 1219
41920: 9F0D2003CD849F3C = 763
41928: CDA09FCB50280522 = 886
41936: 82A4180CCB482805 = 650
41944: 2280A41803227EA4 = 677
41952: 219EA4353E0C3281 = 661
41960: 5CCD129FC97CE6E0 = 1253
41968: FEA0200B0630CD0B = 727
41976: A0CD129FC303A1FE = 1155
41984: E0201F0630CD0DA0 = 719
41992: 3A7BA43CFE0A2006 = 707
42000: CD009FC303A1327B = 896
42008: A43E0C37815CCD12 = 737
42016: 9FC9CB7C280B0630 = 792
42024: CD0FA0CD129FC303 = 960
42032: A13A9EA4A7200B06 = 757
42040: 28CD0FA0CD129FC3 = 997
42048: 03A1E53E06CDA09F = 985
42056: 7CE1F5066ECDA0FA = 1084
42064: F1CB5728032282A4 = 902
42072: CB4F28032280A4CB = 854
42080: 472803227EA4CD12 = 661
42088: 9FC303A100 = 518

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10 REM "C"
11 IF 0999 THEN LET 0=999
12 LET 15=STR$ 0
13 IF LEN 15<3 THEN LET 15=" "
14 GO TO 14
15 LET P=4: IF 0<20 THEN LET P=7
16 RETURN
17 LET 0=PEEK 42092+256+PEEK 4
2093 GO SUB 10
24 PRINT AT 7.7: PAPER P: BRIG
HT 1: 15
26 RETURN
30 LET 0=PEEK 42094+256+PEEK 4
2095 GO SUB 10
34 PRINT AT 7.20: PAPER P: BRI
GHT 1: 15
36 RETURN
40 LET 0=PEEK 42096+256+PEEK 4
2097 GO SUB 10
44 PRINT AT 15.9: PAPER P: BRI
GHT 1: 15
46 RETURN
50 LET 0=PEEK 42098+256+PEEK 4
2099 GO SUB 10
54 PRINT AT 13.23: PAPER P: BR
IGHT 1: 15
56 RETURN
70 LET 0=PEEK 42107: LET C=PEE
K 42142: LET 1=PEEK 42108
72 LET 15="LOAD EMPTY #LEVEL
74 IF 0=0 THEN GO TO 80
76 LET 15(6)=STR$ 0: IF 0=1 TH
EN LET 15(8 TO 12)="LOG ": GO T
O 86
78 LET 15(8 TO 12)="LOGS ": GO
TO 86
80 IF C=0 THEN GO TO 86
82 LET 15(6)=STR$ C: IF C=1 TH
EN LET 15(8 TO 12)="CREW ": GO T
O 86
84 LET 15(8 TO 12)="CREWS"
86 PRINT AT 21.0: PAPER 4: BRI
GHT 1: 15: 1
88 RETURN
100 GO SUB 70
102 LET 0=PEEK 42101+256+PEEK 4
2102 PRINT AT 21.21: PAPER 4: BR
IGHT 1: 15: 3SCORE PRINT AT
1.32-LEN STR$ 0: PAPER 4: BRIGH
T 1: 15
104 IF 0=0 THEN GO SUB 20: GO T
O 114

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106 IF 0=5 THEN GO SUB 30: GO T
O 114
108 IF 0=6 THEN GO SUB 40: GO T
O 114
110 IF 0=7 THEN GO SUB 50: GO T
O 114
112 GO SUB 20: GO SUB 03: GO SU
B 40: GO SUB 50
114 RANDOMIZE USR 41219
200 LET 0=PEEK 23651
202 IF 0=0 THEN GO SUB 20: GO T
O 114
204 IF 0=9 THEN GO SUB 30: GO T
O 114
206 IF 0=10 THEN GO SUB 40: GO
TO 114
208 IF 0=11 THEN GO SUB 50: GO
TO 114
210 IF 0=12 THEN GO SUB 70: GO
TO 114
212 IF 0=1 THEN GO TO 610
214 IF 0=2 THEN GO TO 320
216 IF 0=3 THEN GO TO 350
218 GO TO 100
300 PRINT AT 21.0: PAPER 4: BRI
GHT 1: 15: "NO! REPRESS H"
302 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 30
2
304 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 304
306 LET 15=INKEY$: IF 15<"H"
HEN GO TO 302
308 PRINT AT 21.0: PAPER 4: BRI
GHT 1: 15: "TAB 12:"
310 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 31
0
312 GO SUB 70: GO TO 114
350 BORDER 2: LET C=PEEK 42100
352 LET 0=?: LET 0=?: IF C=2 TH
EN LET 0=20
354 IF C=0 THEN LET 0=10: LET 0
=9
356 IF C=4 THEN LET 0=10: LET 0
=20
358 PRINT AT 0.0: PAPER 2: INK
7: BRIGHT 1: FLASH 1: "H": PRIN
T PAPER 7: BRIGHT 1: "0"
360 PRINT AT 21.0: PAPER 4: BRI
GHT 1: 15: "GAME OVER"
362 FOR 0=20 TO -10 STEP -1: BE
EP .02: NEXT 0
364 PRINT AT 0.0: PAPER 4: BRIG
HT 1: 15: "FOR NEW GAME...PRESS V"
366 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 36
6
368 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 368
370 LET 15=INKEY$: IF 15<"Y"
HEN GO TO 366
372 GO TO 610
500 PAPER 6: INK 0: CLS: PRINT
AT 7.12: PAPER 5: "TIMBER!"
602 PRINT AT 9.6: PAPER 5: "O NI
CK HOCKADRY 1985"
604 PRINT AT 19.8: NOW PRESS EN
TER"
606 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 60
6
608 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 608
610 CLS: PRINT AT 3.0: "There 3
re 5 levels ranging from level 1
the easiest to level 5, the mos
t difficult."
612 PRINT AT 7.0: "WHICH LEVEL D
O YOU WISH TO PLAY ON?"
614 PRINT AT 11.6: "PRESS 1,2,3,
4 OR 5"
616 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 60
6
618 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 618
620 LET 15=INKEY$: IF CODE 15<4
9 OR CODE 15>53 THEN GO TO 626
622 LET C=VAL 15: POKE 42105,C
624 CLS: LET 15=0: PRINT AT 3.2
: "YOU HAVE SELECTED LEVEL 1:"
626 PRINT AT 0.0: "Before you c
ess ENTER to play, remember 1-5:
at the start, you have three cr
ews on your truck."
628 PRINT AT 11.0: "Crew positio
ns are always shown bright."
630 PRINT AT 17.0: "NOW PRESS EN
TER TO PLAY"
632 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 62
2
634 IF INKEY$="" THEN GO TO 634
636 CLS: RANDOMIZE USR 41023
GO TO 100

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Mutant's Revenge

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ZX-81

MUTANT'S REVENGE is for the 16K ZX-81. The principle of the game centres around the arcade classic Defender except you are one of the mutants.

The object is to guide your mutant onto a humanoid, capture it and take it skywards. Sounds easy? As you will find out, it is very

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hard and will take some mastering.

The program itself has everything the average computer games freak wants. Fast, original, good graphics, Hall of Fame, 100 skill levels etc.

Line 1 should contain at least 94 full stops. On line 1530 it mentions 12* graphic "G's". This means that you must type in the graphic "G" character 12 times.

When it has all been keyed in, you must save before running. To save type Goto 1890. This saves the program with the name "Mut" and runs automatically on loading. There is a variable in this program called At, this should not be confused with the keyword At.

When you run this program your ZX-81 will move into Fast mode to load some machine code. You do not need to type in hex or decimal codes blindly as the program has it all in memory at line 20 and a built-in interpreter. As soon as the machine code is loaded it is executed twice using Rand USR 15514.

You will then be asked at what speed you wish to play — 0 to 9. Note the absence of an input sign to avoid data entry errors. Then you are asked for the fuel consumption rate, again, in a range of 0 to 9 and no input sign.

When both the skill levels have been entered

a neat little routine will display what keys are needed to control your mutant. This gives you time to fumble about and get your fingers over the right keys, which are:

- C = up.
- A = down.
- O = left — thrust.
- P = right — thrust.
- I = hyperspace.

Your first job is to capture a humanoid "o". These are randomly scattered across the landscape. Your mutant is situated at the far left-hand side of the screen steadily moving right. The O and P keys serve as thrust and reverse keys. This means that if you press O your mutant will keep moving left unless told otherwise. These features make the mutant more manoeuvrable as he can now move in diagonals. If he hits the far left/right hands of the screen don't worry as he will re-appear on the other side.

When you hit a humanoid you will be awarded 10 points — this will be shown on the "score" gauge and the humanoid gauge will decrease by one.

Once you have captured a humanoid phase two begins. This involves taking the humanoid skywards. Your mutant moves up automatic-

ally so it is just a job of avoiding pyrenoids and the gate. The gate is a hole situated in the grey bar at the top of the screen which moves from side to side. Pyrenoids are asterisks which float in the sky — contact with one will prove fatal.

If you manage to carry your humanoid through the gate you are awarded a mystery amount of points and you will return to the left of the screen to try and capture another.

If all the humanoids have been captured you are said to have completed an attack wave and a bonus of 30 points will be added to your score. When all humanoids have been captured you will go on to the attack wave sequence. Sometimes, however, your mutant will return to the left of the screen even though there are no corresponding humanoids. In this case just move through the gate and move to the top of the screen.

If you score 500, 600 or 800 then you will be awarded an extra man and the game speed will hot up. The screen will clear and another random landscape will be drawn and play will continue.

This program is fitted with a special key which, when pressed, shoots you out of trouble and throws your mutant into a random position on the screen.

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1 REM .....24 FULL STOPS ....
10 FAST
20 LET A$="3506CD93403E80CD934
00100000CD508C22F0C400E150620502
077CD05401820F33600801310000770
00540102078C107522B77CD05401520F
85F78FE0B037B055EC5012100ED42770
0D54010207C10716C5F53EC03020FDF
1C9"
30 LET MC=16514
40 FOR I=1 TO LEN A$ STEP 2
50 POKE MC,I+10000 A$(I)-25)+
CODE A$(I+1)-25000
60 LET MC=MC+1
70 NEXT I
80 SLOW
90 POKE 16505,23
100 POKE 16575,9
110 POKE 16599,190
120 DIM L(10)
130 DIM K$(2)
140 DIM H$(11,20)
150 FOR F=1 TO 10
160 LET N$(F)=" (C) H.P.H. SOFTW
ARE."
170 NEXT F
180 LET N$(11)=" LIFE 100%"
190 RAND USR 16514
200 POKE 16418,2
210 RAND USR 16514
220 REM END OF MACHINE CODE.
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240 PRINT AT 5,5;"INPUT SPEED"
250 LET K$(1)=INKEY$
260 IF K$(1)="" OR K$(1)="" THEN
HEN GOTO 250
270 LET SPP=CODE K$(1)-25
280 LET SPP=SPP/10
290 LET SPP=SPP/10
300 PRINT AT 10,0;"FUEL CON
SUMPTION (0-9)" AT 12,8;"0
000"
310 LET K$(2)=INKEY$
320 IF K$(2)="" OR K$(2)="" THEN
HEN GOTO 310
330 LET FC=CODE K$(2)-25
340 LET FC=FC+1
350 LET FC=FC/10
360 GOSUB 1900
370 LET A$=""
380 LET S=0
390 LET AT=1
400 LET L1=0
410 LET B$=""
420 FOR F=3 TO 2
430 PRINT AT F,0;F$;AT F+19,0;A
$
440 NEXT F
450 PRINT AT 0,13;CHR$ 154;AT 0
7,7;"0" = UP;"AT 0,7;"A" =
DOWN;"AT 10,7;"O" = LEFT;"AT
12,7;"P" = RIGHT;"AT 14,7;"I"
= HYPERSPACE;"AT 1,2;"MUT
ANT"
460 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 460
470 RAND USR 16514
480 POKE 16418,2
490 FAST
500 LET D=14
510 LET HU=0
520 LET H=15
530 LET FU=31
540 FOR F=0 TO 31
550 IF F=0 AND F<28 THEN PRINT
AT INT (RAND*H-3),F,CHR$ 151
560 PRINT AT 2,F;CHR$ 138;AT 23
F;CHR$ 133
570 LET I=INT (RAND*30)
580 LET H=H+(I>15 AND H<20)-(I<
=15 AND H>2)
590 IF I>15 THEN PRINT AT H,F,CHR$
E
600 IF I<15 THEN PRINT AT H+1,
F;CHR$ 134
610 IF F>28 AND HU=0 OR I>28 OR
I<3 AND F<1 AND F<01 AND HU<0 T
HEN GOSUB 640
620 NEXT F
630 GOTO 670
640 PRINT AT 01,HU+1;CHR$ 180;T
AB F;CHR$ 8
650 LET HU=HU+1
660 RETURN
670 FOR F=11 TO 9+L1 STEP 2
680 PRINT AT 22,F;CHR$ 122
690 NEXT F
700 SLOW
710 PRINT AT 22,23;"SCORE=";S
720 LET A=3+INT (RAND*8)
730 LET CA=0
740 LET B=0
750 FOR B=0 TO 31 STEP 5F
760 GOSUB 370
770 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 810
780 NEXT B
790 LET B=0
800 GOTO 750
810 FOR B=0 TO 0 STEP -5F
820 GOSUB 370
830 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 750
840 NEXT B
850 LET B=31
860 GOTO 810
870 PRINT AT A,B;
880 LET P=PEEK (PEEK 15398+PEEK
16399+255)
890 IF FU=0 OR P>5 AND P<152 A
ND P<128 THEN GOTO 1280
900 IF P=100 THEN GOTO 970
910 IF HU=0 AND A=0 THEN GOTO 1
140
920 PRINT CHR$ 192;AT A,B;B$;AT
23,FU;CHR$ 133
930 LET FU=FU-FC
940 LET A=A+(INKEY$="A" AND A<1
9)-(INKEY$="O" AND CA=0)
950 IF INKEY$="I" THEN GOSUB 10
90
960 RETURN
970 LET HU=HU-1
980 GOSUB 1120
990 LET CA=1
1000 LET S=S+10
1010 PRINT AT A,B;"00";AT 21,HU+
1;B$;TAB HU+1;B$;AT 22,26;S;AT A
,B;B$;AT A,B+1;B$
1020 LET A=A-1
1030 FOR A=A TO 0 STEP -3F
1040 GOSUB 370
1050 LET B=B+(INKEY$="P" AND B<0
1)-(INKEY$="O" AND B=0)
1060 PRINT AT 2,D;"00";AT A
,B;CHR$ 180;AT A,B;B$
1070 LET D=D+(D<0)-(D>0)
1080 IF D=0 THEN GOSUB 1120
1090 NEXT A
1100 LET S=S+5+INT (RAND*15)
1110 GOTO 710
1120 LET S=INT (RAND*27)
1130 RETURN
1140 RAND USR 16514
1150 PRINT AT 10,3;"ATTACK WAVE"
"AT 12,10;"BON
US=30"
1160 FOR F=1 TO 40
1170 NEXT F
1180 LET S=S+30
1190 IF S<800 OR S>500 AND S<600
THEN GOSUB 1220
1200 LET AT=AT+1
1210 GOTO 470
1220 FOR F=0 TO 40
1230 PRINT AT 14,10;"BONUS LIFE"
"AT 14,10;"BONUS LIFE"
1240 NEXT F
1250 LET LI=L1-2
1260 LET FC=FC+0.25
1270 RETURN
1280 LET LI=L1-2
1290 FOR F=1 TO 11
1300 PRINT AT F+1,0;N$(11,F)
1310 NEXT F
1320 PRINT AT 22,I+11;B$
1330 FOR F=2 TO 12
1340 PRINT AT F,0;B$;AT 2,0;CHR$
138
1350 NEXT F
1360 IF LI=0 THEN GOTO 1430
1370 IF CA=1 THEN GOTO 930
1380 GOTO 630
1390 PRINT AT A,B;B$
1400 LET A=3+INT (RAND*4)
1410 LET B=INT (RAND*31)
1420 RETURN
1430 PRINT AT 10,11;"GAME OVER"
1440 FOR F=0 TO 40
1450 NEXT F
1460 RAND USR 16514
1470 POKE 16418,2
1480 FOR J=1 TO 10
1490 IF S>=L(J) AND S>0 THEN GOS
UB 1780
1500 IF S>=L(J) AND S>0 THEN GOT
O 1710
1510 NEXT J
1520 CLS
1530 PRINT AT 2,9;"HALL OF FAME"
;TAB 9;"12*GRAPHIC 0""PLACE"
;TAB 10;"NAME";TAB 27;"SCORE";AT
18,13;"1"" TO PLAY";TAB 3;"2
"" TO RESET HIGH SCORES";TAB 3;"
""3"" TO CHANGE DIFFICULTY"
1540 FOR J=1 TO 10
1550 PRINT AT J+6,2;J;TAB 6;N$(J)
;AT J+6,28;L(J)
1560 NEXT J
1570 FOR F=0 TO 63
1580 PLOT F,3
1590 PLOT F,31
1600 PLOT F,34
1610 NEXT F
1620 FOR F=6 TO 34
1630 PLOT 11,F
1640 PLOT 52,F
1650 NEXT F
1660 PRINT AT 0,0;"ON ATTACK WAVE
E";AT;"YOUR SCORE=";S
1670 IF INKEY$="1" THEN GOTO 360
1680 IF INKEY$="2" THEN GOTO 120
1690 IF INKEY$="3" THEN GOTO 210

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Grid Challenge

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IN GRID CHALLENGE you are shown a grid of 390 slots each referenced by a letter and number. Each slot is filled with one of up to 39 different characters randomly chosen and then hidden from your view.

The object of the game is to pick two matching characters. If you are successful you are allowed another go. This continues until you make an error when it is the computer's turn. It is allowed only one turn as it gets the answer

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1700 GOTO 1670
1710 GOSUB 1830
1720 PRINT AT 8,0,"WELL DONE, PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME";AT 10,3;"NO MORE THAN 20 LETTERS."
1730 INPUT N$(J)
1750 LET L(J)=5
1760 GOSUB 1830
1770 GOTO 1520
1780 FOR P=9 TO J STEP -1
1790 LET L(P+1)=L(P)

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1300 LET N=(P+1)/N*(P)
1310 NEXT P
1320 RETURN
1330 FOR F=0 TO 23
1340 SCROLL
1350 PRINT TAB 31;
1360 NEXT F
1370 C=5
1380 RETURN
1390 SAVE "MU"
1400 END

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right every time.

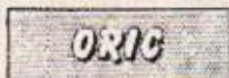
To give you a fighting chance, if you type Peek you will be allowed a quick look at the grid at any time but a check is kept on how often you do this. Also typing Score will show your total successes so far.

The duration of the game may be shortened if required by reducing the values of TP and TC in lines 10000-10010. The harder the game you choose the more different characters are used. Your concentration will be pushed to the limit!

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Fragg Chase

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FRAGG CHASE is based on the popular game Zombies. At the start of the game your player is at the centre of the screen. A fragg will attack you.

To survive, the fraggs must be destroyed. To destroy fraggs you must lure them onto the red acid pools. For each fragg you destroy, 30,000 points will be awarded. The acid pools are not

deadly to you, but 5,000 points will be lost for each character-sized acid pool you cross.

When all the frags are destroyed, or if there are more frags than you can handle, head for the edge of the screen. Reaching the edge is worth 30,000-50,000 points depending on how fast you were moving on arrival at the edge. When you reach the edge of the screen a new round will start with one more frag than the previous round. Because frags are lazy, some of them do not materialise in every round. The maximum number of frags possible in each round is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

If a fragg destroys you, a new game will start. The highest score since the program was

loaded is displayed at the top left of the screen.

The game will increase in speed after each round won. The maximum number of frags available is 40. If you find the game too easy, press the reset button and type:
POKE# 2F71, # EA:POKE# 2F72,
EA:POKE# 2F73, # EA:CALL# 2F05
and press Return. The game will now be twice as fast.

The arrowed keys on either side of the space bar will move the player in the direction of the arrow.

- 1 Type in the program as listed.
- 2 Type Run and press Return.
- 3 If there are no error messages then replace

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377B in line 10 with # 377C. Run the program again. If "Out of data in 10" appears on the screen then Goto paragraph 5.

4 If an error was logged in para 2, you have missed out some data statements in the program. If no error was logged in para 3, you

have somehow typed in too much data.

5 Amend line 10 to read as per the listing and type:

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CSAVE"FRAGG CHASE",A#2FC5,
E#377B,S,AUTO
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6 Start cassette machine recording, wait 10

seconds, press Return.

7 When program is saved type: CLOAD"FRAGG CHASE",S,V; and press Return

8 Rewind cassette and press play. If any errors are reported then repeat from para 5.

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10 FORN=#2F05T0#377E:READD:POKEN,D:NEXTN
100 DATA34,32,178,50,32,9,49,234,234,32,159,54,32,20
5,51,32,18,49,32
110 DATA1,48,234,32,178,50,32,167,50,32,30,55,234,234
,32,167,50,32,181,54
120 DATA32,159,54,32,20,48,32,45,51,234,32,79,49,32,2
16,52,234,234,32,135
130 DATA49,32,9,49,32,45,50,32,238,52,32,135,50,234,3
2,61,53,32,14,55
140 DATA169,1,141,79,2,141,78,2,234,234,32,131,51,32,
27,51,32,187,50,32
150 DATA155,51,32,53,52,234,32,9,51,32,172,53,234,234
,32,214,53,169,0,141
160 DATA108,2,32,131,51,32,27,51,32,187,50,32,155,51,
32,53,52,234,32,9
170 DATA51,32,172,53,234,234,32,62,55,32,46,55,32,108
,55,234,234,234,234,234
180 DATA234,234,173,12,151,201,1,208,6,32,103,52,76,3
8,47,234,234,234,162,0
190 DATA189,0,150,141,1,151,189,1,150,141,2,151,142,1
4,151,32,161,49,32,225
200 DATA49,173,152,49,141,220,47,173,153,49,141,221,4
7,169,42,205,03,109,200,5
210 DATA169,2,141,12,151,234,174,14,151,232,232,236,9
,151,208,200,173,12,151
220 DATA201,2,208,6,32,203,250,76,30,47,234,74,94,47,
169,127,141,12,2,169,0
230 DATA141,0,4,141,1,4,169,10,141,106,2,96,169,147,1
62,0,157,168,187,232
240 DATA224,240,208,248,162,0,157,152,188,232,224,240
,208,248,162,0,157,136,189
250 DATA232,224,240,208,248,162,0,157,120,190,232,224
,240,208,248,162,0,157,104
260 DATA191,232,224,120,208,248,169,22,162,3,157,72,1
88
265 DATA232,224,37,208,248,162,3
270 DATA157,112,188,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,152,
188,232,224,37,208,248,162
280 DATA3,157,192,188,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,23
2,188,232,224,37,208,248
290 DATA162,3,157,16,189,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157
,54,189,232
300 DATA224,37,208,248,162,3,157,96,189,232,224,37,20
8,248,162,3,157,136
305 DATA189,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,176
310 DATA189,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,216,189,232,
224,37,208,248,162,3,157,0
320 DATA190,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,40,190,232,2
24,37,208,248,162,3,157,80
330 DATA190,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,120,190,232,
224,37,208,248,162,3,157
340 DATA160,190,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,200,190,
232,224,37,208,248,162,3
350 DATA157,240,190,232,224,37,208,248,162,3,157,24,1
91,232,224,37,208,240,76
360 DATA169,0,141,225,2,32,16,242,96,169,12,141,80,18
1,141,81,181,141,84,181
370 DATA141,89,181,141,92,181,169,18,141,82,181,141,8
5,181,141,86,181
380 DATA141,88,181,141,93,181,141,94,181,169,45,141,8
3,181,141,91
390 DATA181,169,0,141,87,181,169,63,141,90,181,169,51
,141,95,181,96,169,83,141
400 DATA112,187,141,230,187,169,67,141,213,187,141,23
1,187,169,79,141,214,187
410 DATA141,232,187,169,82,141,215,187,141,233,187,16
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420 DATA69,141,216,187,141,234,187,169,72,141,227,187
,169,73,141,228,187,169,85
430 DATA141,229,187,96,162,140,142,0,151,32,161,49,32
,172,49,32,225
440 DATA49,169,150,141,171,188,174,0,151,202,208,233,
96,169
450 DATA168,141,152,47,167,107,141,153,49,96,32,16,50
,173,188,239,56,201,4,176
460 DATA2,185,4,56,201,38,144,5,233,34,76,185,49,141,
2,151,32,16,50,173
470 DATA109,239,56,201,5,176,2,185,5,56,201,24,144,5,
233,17,76,211,49,141
480 DATA1,151,96,173,1,151,162,39,24,109,1,151,176,18
,202,208,247,24,105,127
490 DATA176,16,24,109,2,151,176,16,141,152,49,96,238,
153,49,76,236,49,238,153
500 DATA49,76,244,49,238,153,49,76,250,49,174,3,151,1
72,4,151,140,176,49,200
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510 DATA208,1,232,140,4,151,142,3,151,142,177,49,140,
202,49,142,203,49,96,32
520 DATA99,50,160,76,162,76,185,1,150,93,3,150,208,26
,185,0,150,93,2,150
530 DATA208,18,142,5,151,140,7,151,32,101,50,174,5,15
1,172,7,151,234,234,234
540 DATA202,202,234,234,208,216,136,136,234,234,208,2
08,96,162,80,142,8,151,32
550 DATA172,49,234,234,174,8,151,234,234,234,234,173,
1,151,157,254,149,173,2
560 DATA151,157,255,149,202,202,234,234,208,223,96,16
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570 DATA13,141,80,150,169,20,141,81,150,96,234,234,23
4,234,234,141,220
580 DATA187,141,221,187,96,234,234,234,234,234,234,23
4,234
590 DATA234,162,12,32,124,247,162,20,142,128,187,96,1
69,7,141,225,2,32,16,242
600 DATA96,32,194,50,32,230,50,96,32,120,235,201,10,2
40,13,201,11,240,13,201
610 DATA7,240,13,201,8,240,13,96,238,80,150,96,206,80
,150,96,238,81,150,96
620 DATA206,0,150,96,173,80,150,141,1,151,173,81,150
,141,2,151,32,161,49,32
630 DATA225,49,173,152,49,141,82,150,173,153,49,141,8
3,150,234,234,234,234,96
640 DATA173,82,150,141,24,51,173,83,150,141,25,51,169
,42,141,171,188,96,173,82
650 DATA150,141,42,51,173,83,150,141,43,51,169,22,141
,171,188,96,169,20,162,0
660 DATA157,128,187,232,224,160,208,248,162,0,157,104
,191,232,224,240,208,248
670 DATA141,64,191,141,32,188,141,72,188,141,112,100,
141,152,188,141,192,188
680 DATA141,232,188,141,16,189,141,56,189,141,96,189,
141,136,189,141,176
690 DATA189,141,216,189,141,0,190,141,40,190,141,80,1
90,141,120,190,141,160
700 DATA190,141,200,190,141,240,190,141,24,191,96,173
,82,150,141,84,150,173,83
710 DATA150,141,85,150,96,169,195,141,80,150,169,189,
141,81,150,96,173,82,150
720 DATA141,158,51,173,83,150,141,169,51,173,171,188,
201,150,208,3,32,178,51,96
730 DATA32,181,250,173,84,150,141,24,51,141,62,150,17
3,85,150,141,25,51,141,83
740 DATA150,32,234,51,76,21,51,169,46,162,14,157,0,15
2,202,208,250,169,2,141,9
750 DATA151,96,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,23
4,234,234,234,173,221,187
760 DATA233,48,208,50,169,53,141,221,187,173,220,187,
233,48,208,44,169,57,141
770 DATA220,197,173,219,187,233,48,208,36,169,57,141,
219,187,173
780 DATA218,187,233,48,208,20,169,40,141,210,107,141,
219,187,32,151,50,76,205
790 DATA51,169,48,141,221,187,96,206,220,137,96,206,2
19,187,96,206,218,187,96
800 DATA173,82,150,141,66,52,173,83,150,141,67
810 DATA52,173,171,188,201,147,208,3,32,76,52,96,234,
234,234,173,84,150,141,82
820 DATA150,173,85,150,141,83,150,236,9,151,238,9,151
,32,140,52,76,175,54,162
830 DATA0,160,251,32,144,245,169,0,170,138,72,169,0,3
2,134,250,162,0,202,208
840 DATA253,184,170,232,224,0,208,237,169,5,162,252,3
2,144,245,96,173,220,187
850 DATA105,2,201,58,16,4,141,220,187,96,233,10,141,2
20,187,238,219,187,173,219
860 DATA187,201,58,16,1,96,169,48,234,234,141,219,187
,230,210,107,173,210,107
870 DATA201,58,16,1,96,169,58,141,216,187,96,173,152,
49,141,211,52,173,153,49
880 DATA141,212,57,74,49,54,169,43,141,83,189,76,12,5
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890 DATA187,202,208,247,162,7,189,7,152,157,235,187,2
02,208,247,96
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,150,141
910 DATA2,151,32,161,49,32,225,49,174,11,151,76,193,5
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920 DATA234,234,234,234,234,234,234,174,11,151,76,46,
54,234,234,234
930 DATA234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,173
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940 DATA 82,150,141,58,53,234,234,234,173,83,150,141,5
9,53,234,234,234,169,42
950 DATA 141,0,0,96,169,14,141,145,191,141,185,191,141
,129,187,141,169,187,169
960 DATA 70,141,166,191,141,206,191,141,141,187,141,18
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970 DATA 187,169,82,141,167,191,141,207,191,141,142,18
7,141,182,187,169,65,141
980 DATA 168,191,141,208,191,141,143,187,141,183,187,1
69,71,141,169,191,141,209
990 DATA 191,141,144,187,141,184,187,169,71,141,170,19
1,141,210
1000 DATA 191,141,145,187,141,185,187,169,39,141,171,1
91,169,83,141,172,191,141
1010 DATA 212,191,169,67,141,147,187,141,187,187,76,18
7
1020 DATA 54,234,234,96,173,9,151,24,74,74,141,184,53,
169,21,233,1,141,118,2
1030 DATA 173,110,2,201,0,208,249,96,234,234,234,173,8
3,150,141,212,53,234,234
1040 DATA 234,169,22,141,0,0,96,162,0,189,0,150,141,1,
151,189,1,150,141,2,151
1050 DATA 142,11,151,32,161,49,32,225,49,174,11,151,17
3,152,49,141,2,54,173,153
1060 DATA 49,141,3,54,76,181,54,169,22,141,83,189,189,
0,150,205,80,150,208,3
1070 DATA 76,22,54,16,2,48,38,222,0,150,189,1,150,205,
81,150,208,3,76,43,54
1080 DATA 16,2,48,26,222,1,150,234,234,234,76,239,52,1
74,11,151,232,232,236
1090 DATA 9,151,208,160,96,254,0,150,76,22,54,254,1,15

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0,76,43,54,173,211,52
1100 DATA 141,82,54,173,212,52,141,83,54,173,83,189,23
4,201,150,208,9,32,225,250
1110 DATA 32,140,52,76,46,54,76,208,52,173,2,54,141,14
0,54,173,3,54,141,141,54
1115 DATA 234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,
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1120 DATA 234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,234,173,83,1
89,201,150
1130 DATA 208,4,234,76,49,54,76,255,53,216,53,234,234,
234,234,173,3,151,56,233
1140 DATA 192,176,5,169,192,141,3,151,96,234,234,169,1
,141,12,151,96,169,0,141
1150 DATA 12,151,96,169,72,141,148,187,141,188,187,169
,65,141,149,187,141,189
1160 DATA 187,169,83,141,150,187,141,190,187,169,69,14
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1170 DATA 234,234,173,9,151,56,233,20,176,15,173,9
1180 DATA 151,24,106,105,48,234,141,162,191,141
1190 DATA 202,191,96,173,9,151,24,106,238,161
1200 DATA 191,238,201,191,56,233,10,176,245,105
1210 DATA 58,141,162,191,141,202,191,96,169,47
1220 DATA 141,161,191,141,201,191,76,222,54,234
1230 DATA 234,234,234,234,169,48,162,7,157,0
1240 DATA 152,202,208,250,169,2,141,9,151,96
1250 DATA 162,7,189,235,187,157,7,152,202,208
1260 DATA 247,96,234,234,234,234,162,0,107,210
1270 DATA 187,56,253,236,187,144,27,189,218,187
1280 DATA 221,236,187,208,6,232,224,7,208,234
1290 DATA 76,162,7,189,217,187,157,235,187,202
1300 DATA 208,247,234,234,96,157,235,187,202,208
1310 DATA 247,96,162,7,189,217,187,157,0,152
1320 DATA 202,208,247,96,234,234,234,234

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Destroyer

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THIS PROGRAM uses either joystick or key-

board. You are the commander of a destroyer and you must destroy the enemy submarines. There are four submarines on the screen travelling at different speeds and worth different points.

sub 1 = 1 point.
sub 2 = 10 points.

sub 3 = 30 points.
sub 4 = 50 points.

There is also a time limit of three minutes in which you must get as many points as you can. To make matters worse underground bombers are constantly firing missiles up towards you. If one of these missiles hits you then you lose.

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80 SYMBOL AFTER 128
90 FOR a=128 TO 148
100 READ b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i
110 SYMBOL a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i
120 NEXT
130 cloud$=CHR$(140)+CHR$(141)+CHR$(142)+CHR$(143)
140 clouds$=CHR$(144)+CHR$(145)+CHR$(146)+CHR$(147)
150 DATA 0,192,99,63,42,63,96,192,0,0,192,160,240,224,
0,0,0,0,3,5,15,7,0,0,0,3,198,252,84,252,6,3,0,0,3,6,15
,255,31,7
160 DATA 0,0,48,98,244,252,252,248,0,0,2,3,7,2,0,0,0,0
,32,192,192,44,0,0,13,31,29,46,60,31,15,3,120,224,224,
48,112,224,192,128
170 DATA 144,96,96,240,240,96,96,0,0,96,96,240,240,96,
96,144,0,1,3,7,55,127,127,255,199,239,223,191,255,255,
255,255,0,248,248,247,23
9,255,255,255,0,0,0,128,192,0,128,192
180 DATA 255,255,127,31,30,0,0,0,255,255,255,255,255,2
06,0,0,255,255,255,255,247,227,0,0,224,224,224,192,192
,128,0,0,0,0,0,0,204,255
,255,255
190 MODE 1:BORDER 0:INK 0,0:INK 1,18:INK 2,6:INK 3,18,
0:SPEED INK 5,5:BORDER 0:PAPER 0
200 LOCATE 15,1:PEN 1:PRINT "DESTROYER"
210 MOVE 220,300:DRAW 370,380
220 PEN 2:LOCATE 3,3:PRINT "You are the commander of
a submarine destroyer. It is your job to destroy the
enemy subs.":PRINT:PEN 1
230 PRINT "You control the destroyer by either using
the joystick or the left and right cursor keys. To d
rop the depth charges p
ress the space bar or the FIRE button on the Joystick
.":PRINT:PEN 2
240 PRINT "The further down the screen the Sub is the
more points you get.":PRINT:PEN 1
250 PRINT "There is a time limit of 3 minutes in whi
ch you must get the highest amount of points you can
.":PRINT:PEN 2
260 LOCATE 13,21:PRINT "Good Luck!!!!":PRINT:PEN 3
270 LOCATE 13,23:PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY"
280 A$=INKEY$: IF A$="" THEN 200
290 FOR a=1 TO 26:PRINT:NEXT
300 INK 0,1:INK 1,0:INK 2,24:INK 3,11:INK 4,12:INK 5,2
6:INK 6,6:INK 7,4,24:SPEED INK 10,10:MODE 0
310 PAPER 1:LOCATE 1,1:PRINT SPACE$(20)
320 PEN 2:LOCATE 1,1:PRINT "Score:":score
330 PAPER 3:FOR a=2 TO 9:LOCATE 1,a:PRINT SPACE$(20):N
EXT
340 PAPER 1:FOR a=23 TO 25:LOCATE 1,a:PRINT SPACE$(20)
:PRINT:NEXT

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350 PLOT 23,40,5:DRAW 612,40:DRAW 612,10:DRAW 23,10:DR
AW 23,40
354 PAPER 0
355 LOCATE 1,22
356 FOR a=1 TO 20:PRINT CHR$(148):NEXT
360 PEN 5:PAPER 3
370 RESTORE 430
380 FOR a=1 TO 6
390 READ b,c
400 LOCATE b,c:PRINT CHR$(22)+CHR$(1):cloud$
410 LOCATE b,c+1:PRINT clouds$+CHR$(22)+CHR$(0)
420 NEXT
425 PAPER 1
430 DATA 3,3,7,5,10,2,6,4,15,2,13,6
440 PEN 2:LOCATE 2,24:PRINT "Line:":PAPER 6:PRINT "
":PAPER 2:PRINT SPACE$(10):PAPER 1
450 xship=7:sub1=18:sub2=18:sub3=5:sub4=17:clock=300:b
=0:ybomb=9:arr=407:subomb=0:xbox=INT(RND*19)-2:ybox=21
:astic=0
460 sub1=sub1+0.5:sub2=sub2-1:sub3=sub3+1.2:sub4=sub4-
1.6:astic=astic+1
470 IF astic=5 THEN SOUND 1,50,10,5
480 IF astic=10 THEN SOUND 1,50,10,3:astic=0
490 GOSUB 930
500 LOCATE xship,9:PAPER 3:PEN 5:PRINT "":CHR$(132):C
HR$(133):" "
510 PAPER 0:PEN 4
520 LOCATE sub1,12:PRINT "":CHR$(128):CHR$(129)
530 LOCATE sub2,15:PRINT CHR$(130):CHR$(131):" "
540 LOCATE sub3,10:PRINT "":CHR$(128):CHR$(129)
550 IF subomb=1 THEN GOSUB 1050
560 LOCATE sub4,21:PRINT CHR$(130):CHR$(131):" "
570 IF sub1>16 THEN LOCATE sub1,12:PRINT "":sub1=1
580 IF sub2<2 THEN LOCATE sub2,15:PRINT "":sub2=18
590 IF subomb=1 THEN GOSUB 1050
600 IF sub3>16 THEN LOCATE sub3,18:PRINT "":sub3=1
610 IF sub4<2 THEN LOCATE sub4,21:PRINT "":sub4=18
620 IF INT(RND*10)+1=5 AND subomb=0 THEN subomb=1
630 IF subomb=1 THEN GOSUB 1050
635 A$=INKEY$
640 IF JOY(0)=4 OR INKEY(8)=0 THEN xship=xship-1
650 IF JOY(0)=8 OR INKEY(1)=0 THEN xship=xship+1
660 IF JOY(0)=16 AND b=0 OR A$="" AND b=0 THEN x=xshi
p+3:b=1
670 IF b=1 THEN GOSUB 710
680 IF xship=0 THEN xship=1
690 IF xship=18 THEN xship=17

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700 GOTO 450
710 ybomb=ybomb+1
720 PEN 4:LOCATE x,ybomb-1:PRINT " ":LOCATE x,ybomb:PR
INT CHR$(138)
730 IF ybomb=12 AND x>=sub1+1 AND x<=sub1+2.5 THEN GOS
UB 790
740 IF ybomb=15 AND x>=sub2 AND x<=sub2+1.8 THEN GOSUB
790
750 IF ybomb=18 AND x>=sub3+1 AND x<=sub3+2.5 THEN GOS
UB 790
760 IF ybomb=21 AND x>=sub4 AND x<=sub4+2 THEN GOSUB 7
90
770 IF ybomb=21 AND x<>sub4 AND x<>sub4+2 THEN LOCATE
x,ybomb:PRINT " ":b=0:ybomb=9
780 RETURN
790 FOR a=1 TO 5
800 PEN 7:LOCATE x,ybomb:PRINT CHR$(134);CHR$(135)
810 IF a=1 OR a=3 THEN SOUND 3,0,15,6,0,0,2
820 PEN 7:LOCATE x,ybomb:PRINT CHR$(136);CHR$(137)
830 IF a=4 THEN SOUND 2,0,10,7,0,0,4
840 NEXT
850 LOCATE x,ybomb:PRINT " ":
860 IF ybomb=12 THEN sub1=1:LOCATE 1,12:PRINT SPACE$(2
0);:score=score+1
870 IF ybomb=15 THEN sub2=16:LOCATE 1,15:PRINT SPACE$(
20);:score=score+10
880 IF ybomb=18 THEN sub3=1:LOCATE 1,18:PRINT SPACE$(2
0);:score=score+30
890 IF ybomb=21 THEN sub4=16:LOCATE 1,21:PRINT SPACE$(
20);:score=score+50
900 b=0:ybomb=9
910 PEN 2:PAPER 1:LOCATE 7,1:PRINT score:PAPER 0:PEN 4
920 RETURN
930 PLUT acc,32,1

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940 DRAW acc,14
950 acc=acc-0.9
960 IF acc<192 THEN 980
970 RETURN
980 LOCATE 7,10:PEN 7:PAPER 0:PRINT "GAME OVER":FOR A=
1 TO 1000:NEXT
990 INK 8,24,6:LOCATE 3,20:PAPER 0:PEN 8:PRINT "Do you
want another game (y/n) "
1000 a$=LOWER$(INKEY$)
1010 IF a$="" THEN GOTO 1000
1020 IF a$="y" THEN 290
1030 IF a$="n" THEN INK 0,0:BORDER 0:PAPER 0:INK 1,18:
PEN 1:MODE 1:END
1040 GOTO 1000
1050 LOCATE xbon,ybon:PRINT " ":ybon=ybon-1:LOCATE xbo
n,ybon:PRINT CHR$(139)
1060 IF ybon=9 AND xbon>=xship+1 AND xbon<=xship+2 THE
N acc=191:GOSUB 1090:RETURN
1070 IF ybon=9 THEN LOCATE xbon,ybon:PAPER 3:PRINT " "
:PAPER 0:xbon=INT(RND*19)+2:ybon=21
1080 RETURN
1090 '
1100 FOR a=1 TO 10
1110 PEN 7:PAPER 3:LOCATE xship+1,9
1120 PRINT CHR$(134);CHR$(135)
1130 IF a=1 OR a=3 THEN SOUND 3,0,15,6,0,0,5
1140 LOCATE xship+1,9
1150 PRINT CHR$(136);CHR$(137)
1160 IF a=4 THEN SOUND 2,0,10,7,0,0,11
1170 NEXT
1180 LOCATE xship+1,9:PAPER 3:PRINT " ":LOCATE xship+
1,8:PRINT " ":PAPER 0
1185 score=0
1190 PEN 4:ybon=22:RETURN

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Blackjack

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HERE is a program called Blackjack for the

32K BBC micro. This program allows the user to play the computer at a game of Pontoon. The aim of the game of course is to make your cards total 21 or as near that as possible, but without exceeding you bust.

You both start with £100 and when your first card is dealt you bet on it, and another one is dealt. You can then stick with what you

have got by pressing the space bar, or twist to get another card by pressing the Return key or buy another card, thus increasing your stake, by pressing B. If you go bust then the computer takes your bet.

When you stick the computer then has its go, and depending on the value of its cards you either win or lose that hand.

Blackjack program 1.

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10REM Blackjack (C) David Potter
20*TV255
30ENVELOPE2,1,0,0,0,0,0,10,0,0,-2,80,0
40ENVELOPE3,1,2,-1,0,20,60,0,126,0,0,-126,126,0
50ENVELOPE4,3,0,0,0,1,1,1,120,-5,-5,-10,120,90
60VDU23,224,8,28,28,107,127,107,8,28
70VDU23,225,8,28,62,127,62,28,8,0
80VDU23,226,54,127,127,127,62,28,8,0
90VDU23,227,8,28,62,127,127,127,28,62
100VDU23,228,1,3,7,15,31,63,127,255
110VDU23,229,128,192,224,240,248,252,254,255
120VDU23,230,255,127,63,31,15,7,3,1
130VDU23,231,255,254,252,248,240,224,192,128
140VDU23,232,0,0,15,15,63,63,63,63
150VDU23,233,0,0,60,60,255,255,255,255
160VDU23,234,63,63,15,15,3,3,0,0
170VDU23,235,255,255,252,252,240,240,192,192
180VDU23,236,0,0,3,3,3,3,63,63
190VDU23,237,192,192,240,240,240,240,255,255
200VDU23,238,63,63,60,60,0,0,3,3
210VDU23,239,255,255,252,252,240,240,192,192
220VDU23,242,255,255,255,255,15,15,63,63
230VDU23,243,252,252,252,252,192,192,240,240
240VDU23,244,1,1,3,3,7,15,63,255
250VDU23,245,128,128,192,192,224,240,252,255
260VDU23,246,255,63,15,7,3,3,1,1
270VDU23,247,255,252,240,224,192,192,128,128
280VDU23,248,3,3,15,15,63,63,255,255
290VDU23,249,0,0,192,192,240,240,252,252
300CHAIN"BLACKJACK2"

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Blackjack program 2.

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10MODE1:DIMA$(20):GCOLOR,3:MOVE0,0:DRAW0,1020:DRAW12
76,1020:DRAW1276,0:DRAW0,0:GCOLOR,1:MOVE10,1010:DRAW126
6,1010:DRAW1266,9:4:DRAW10,914:DRAW10,1010
20PROC("Blackjack",464,992,3):PROC("Blackjack",46
8,988,3):PROC("Blackjack",472,984,1):PROC("Bet=",832
,992,2):PROC("Bet=",836,988,0):PROC("Bet=",840,984,2
):PROC(" ",746,988,3)
30MODE=CHR$8+CHR$8+CHR$10:DI$=CHR$228+CHR$229+MODE+CH
R$230+CHR$231:CL$=CHR$236+CHR$237+MODE+CHR$238+CHR$239:
SP$=CHR$248+CHR$249+MODE+CHR$242+CHR$243:HE$=CHR$232+CH

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K$Z33+MODE+CHR$234+CHR$235
40CR1%=100:CR2%=100:COLOR2:PRINTTAB(1,1)"ME..":CO
LOUR3:PRINT"100.00":COLOR2:PRINTTAB(1,2)"YOU.":COLO
UR3:PRINT"100.00"
50STX=0:PROCST:VDU28,1,30,38,4:CLS:VDU28,2,30,37,28
:2X=2:20209
60GCOLOR,1:MOVE60,30:DRAW60,120:DRAW1220,120:DRAW122
0,30:DRAW60,30:GCOLOR,3:MOVE448,916:DRAW448,1006:MOVE83
2,916:DRAW832,1006:PROC("Your Hand:",64,892,2):AA=0:U
=0:V=0:A=0:Y=2:V2=0:PROCDEAL:V=V+1:A=A+J:PROC("My Han
d:",64,510,2)
70PROCSC(96,160,1)
80VDU4:CLS:COLOR3:PRINT"Please Input Your stake:
":INPUT"STX:IF STX>CR1% THEN COLOUR1:CLS:SOUND3,3,
10,10:PRINT"Stake larger than credit try again":TIME
=0:REPEATUNTILTIME>250:GOTO80
90IF STX<0 THEN COLOUR1:CLS:SOUND3,3,10,10:PRINT"
Oh come on chicken!":TIME=0:REPEATUNTILTIME>200:GOTO8
0
100PROCST:CR1%=CR1%-STX:PROCSC:PROCDEAL:V=V+1:A=A+J:
PROCSC(320,160,1):VDU4:CLS:GOTO320
110DEFPROCDEAL
120J=INT((RND(1)*13))+1:OJ=J
130IF J=1 W$="A":GOTO100
140IF J=11 W$="J":J=J-1:GOTO100
150IF J=12 W$="Q":J=J-2:GOTO100
160IF J=13 W$="K":J=J-3:GOTO100
170W$=STR$(J)
180K=INT(RND(1)*4)+1
190IF K=1 R$="S"
200IF K=2 R$="H"
210IF K=3 R$="D"
220IF K=4 R$="C"
230L=-1:REPEAT:L=L+1:IF W$+R$=A$(L) THEN120
240UNTIL L=U
250U=U+1:A$(U)=W$+R$
260IF X=1 YY%=160 ELSE YY%=544
270PROCCARD((V*224)+96,YY%)
280IF W$="A" THEN ON X GOTO 300,290 ELSE ENDPROC
290VDU4:CLS:COLOR3:INPUT"Amount For Ace",S:IF S<>
1 AND S>11 COLOUR1:CLS:SOUND3,3,10,10:PRINT"Either
1 or 11":TIME=0:REPEATUNTILTIME>200:GOTO290 ELSE J=R
CLS:VDU5:ENDPROC
300IF (AA+11)<=21 THEN J=11 ELSE J=1
310ENDPROC

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320IF A>21 THEN 400
330IF V=5 THEN 370
340VDU4:CLS:COLOUR3:PRINT "  Command: ":A$:GET$:VDU5
350IF A$=CHR$13 THEN 360 ELSE IF A$=" " THEN 370 ELSE
E IF A$="B" PROCBUY ELSE 340
360PROCDEAL:A=A+J:V=V+1:GOTO320
370VDU4:CLS:COLOUR3:PRINT "  MY TURN":VDU5
380V2=V:V=0
390X=1:PROCDEAL:AA=AA+J:V=V+1:IF AA<17 AND V<5 THEN
390
400VDU4,28,2,30,37,28:CLS:0X=10:COLOUR2:PRINT "  I Sco
red...":AA:COLOUR3:PRINT "  You Scored.":A:0X=&20209
410IF AA>21 COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(15,0)"  Bust":WI=1
420IF A>21 COLOUR3:PRINTTAB(15,1)"  You Bust":WI=2
430IF V2<5 AND V<5 AND AA<21 AND A<21 THEN 440 ELSE
450
440IF A>AA COLOUR3:PRINTTAB(15,1)"  You Win":WI=1:GOTO
510 ELSE COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(15,0)"  I Win":WI=2:GOTO510
450IF AA=21 AND V=2 COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(15,0)"  Blackjack
.I Win":CR2X=CR2X+STX:WI=2:GOTO 510
460IF A=21 AND V2=2 COLOUR3:PRINTTAB(15,1)"  Blackjack
.You Win":CR1X=CR1X+STX:WI=1:GOTO 510
470IF AA<22 AND V=5 AND AA>0 COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(15,0)"
5 Card Trick.I Win":WI=2:GOTO 510
480IF A<22 AND V2=5 COLOUR3:PRINTTAB(15,1)" 5 Card Tr
ick.You Win":WI=1:GOTO 510
490IF AA=21 COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(15,0)"  Pontoon.I Win":WI
=2:GOTO510
500IF A=21 COLOUR3:PRINTTAB(15,1)"  Pontoon.You Win":W
I=1
510IF WI=1 THEN SOUND1,4,80,30:CR1X=CR1X+(STX*2):CR2
X=CR2X-STX ELSE CR2X=CR2X+STX:FOR I=10TO0STEP -4:GOTO3,
3,1,2:NEXT
520PROCSC
530IF CR1X=0 OR CR2X=0 VDU28,1,74,38,4:CLS:GOTO510 E
LSE 570
540IF CR1X=0 THEN PROC("You Lose Turkey!",352,736,2
) ELSE PROC("OK You Win This Time Sucker!",160,736,2)
550PRULD("For Another Round Of Blackjack.",112,608,1
):PROC("Press The Space Bar.",288,516,1)
560REPEAT:B$:GET$:UNTILB$=" ":VDU28,0,31,39,0:GOTO40
570VDU28,1,17,38,16:CLS:PRULD("Press Space For Anoth
er Hand.",144,512,1):REPEAT:B$:GET$:UNTILB$=" ":VDU4:G
OTO50
580DEFPROCSCARD(X,Y):PROCSQ(X,Y,3):ON K GOTO 590,
600,610,620

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590GCOL0,0:CLX=0:MOVEXX,YX+192:VDU227:MOVEXX+162,YX+
64:VDU227:CE$=SP$:PROC:ENDPROC
600GCOL0,1:CLX=1:MOVEXX,YX+192:VDU226:MOVEXX+162,YX+
64:VDU226:CE$=HE$:PROC:ENDPROC
610GCOL0,1:CLX=1:MOVEXX,YX+192:VDU225:MOVEXX+162,YX+
64:VDU225:CE$=J$:PROC:ENDPROC
620GCOL0,0:CLX=0:MOVEXX,YX+192:VDU224:MOVEXX+162,YX+
64:VDU224:CE$=CL$:PROC:ENDPROC
630DEFPROC:M:MOVEXX+130,YX-96:J$=STR$(O):IF LEN(J$)=
1 OR OJ>10 VDU9
640IF OJ>1 AND OJ<11 THEN PRINT:J$ ELSE PRINT:W$
650MOVEXX,YX+224:IF OJ>1 AND OJ<11 THEN PRINT:J$ EL
E PRINT:W$
660IF OJ>1 AND OJ<11 THEN PROC(J$,X+32,Y+160,COX)
ELSE IF OJ<>1 PROC(W$,X+32,Y+160,COX)
670IF OJ=J MOVEXX+64,YX+160:PRINTCE$
680ENDPROC
690DEFPROCSD(X,Y,CL):GCOL0,CL:MOVEXX,YX:MOVEXX+1
92,YX:PLOT85,X+192,YX+256:MOVEXX,YX+256:PLOT85,X,Y:
VDU5:GCOL0,0:MOVEXX,YX+30:VDU245:MOVEXX+164,YX+30:VDU2
44:MOVEXX+164,YX+256:VDU246:MOVEXX,YX+256:VDU247:SOUND
0,2,4,1:SOUND0,0,0,0:ENDPROC
700DEFPROCST:VDU28,37,2,38,1:CLS:IF STX=0 PROC("0.0
0",1024,988,3):GOTO720
710ST$=STR$(STX):PROC(ST$,1008,988,3):AL=LEN(ST$)*3
2:PROC("0.00",AL+1024,988,3)
720VDU23,2,30,37,28:ENDPROC
730DEFPROCSC:VDU26,0,31,39,0:COLOUR3:IF CR2X<=0 CR2X
=0:COLOUR1
740PRINTTAB(6,1):CR2X;" ":COLOUR3:IF CR1X<=0 CR1X=0
:COLOUR1
750PRINTTAB(6,2):CR1X;" ":COLOUR3:VDU28,2,30,37,28:
ENDPROC
760DEFPROCBUY
770VDU4:COLOUR2:CLS:PRINT "  How much do you want to
pay?":INPUT "  BU$:IF DJX>CR1X THEN COLOUR1:CLS:SOUN
D3,3,10,10:PRINT "  Too much try again!":TIME=0:REPEATU
N'TIME>200:CLS:GOTO770
780STX=STX+BUX:CR1X=CR1X-BUX:PROCST:PROCSC:CLS:ENDPR
OC
790DEFPROC(A$,K,L,CO)
800GCOL0,CO:LOCAL N:AX=&A:XZ=0:YZ=&A:D=&A00:IF LEN(A
$)=1 K=K+16
810FOR N=1 TO LEN(A$):B$=MID$(A$,N,1):?D=ASC(B$):CALL
(&FFF1):VDU23,240,D?1,D?1,D?2,D?2,D?3,D?3,D?4,D?4,23,
241,D?5,D?5,D?6,D?6,D?7,D?7,D?8,D?8:VDU5:MOVEK+(N*32),
L:VDU240:MOVEK+(N*32),L-32:VDU241:NEXT N:VDU4:ENDPROC

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Utilities

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WC-30

THIS IS A LOADER program for three machine-
code routines which are as follows:

■ A cassette motor switch: this switches the
cassette motor on so that tapes can be re-
wound or fast forwarded while you are using
the keyboard to program or a program is
running.

The relevant Data statements are in lines
40-50. After running type:

SYS 673

F1 Key will now switch the cassette motor on
F3 Key will switch it off.

To kill this routine press Run Stop/Restore.

■ Random character colour: this brightens
the screen up when you are typing by
changing the colour of each character as you
type. The cursor also flashes different colours.
It does not print a character the same colour as
the screen so all characters should be visible
whichever screen colour you use. It also adds
colour to the listings.

The relevant Data statements are in lines
70-80. After running type:

SYS 673

To kill this routine press Run Stop/Restore.

■ Clear screen: this routine enables you to
clear areas of the screen and leave the rest
intact

SYS 673 clears the top half of the screen. As
it is it clears the top eleven lines. To change

the number of lines Poke 674, X where X is a
number between 0-22. This clears X+1 lines.

SYS 678 clears the bottom half of the
screen. The routine will clear the bottom
twelve lines. To change this Poke 685 to a
number between 0-21. This routine can also
be used to clear the middle to the screen by
poking a number between 0-22 to location 679
which is greater than that in location 685.

SYS 691 clears the left eleven columns of
the screen. To change the number of columns

Poke 694 with a number between 0-21.

SYS 704 clears the right eleven columns.
To change Poke 724 with a number between
0-20.

To use the routines type in the loader and
the relevant data statements for the routine
you want. The first two will not run together.
The third can be used with the other two if it
is loaded into a different area of memory as
long as the call addresses to the routines are
changed to the new memory area.

Vic utilities

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10 G=673
20 READ:IFA=999THENEND
30 POKEG,A:G=G+1:GOTO20
39 REM***CASSETTE MOTOR SWITCH
40 DATA120,169,174,141,20,3,169,2,141,21,3,88,96,165,157,201,39,240,7,201,47,240
,22,76
41 DATA191,234,173,17,145,9,64,41,17,145,173,20,145,41,12,141,20,145,76,191,234
,159,254
42 DATA141,20,145,169,62,141,17,145,76,191,234
50 DATA999

69 REM***RANDOM CHARACTER COLOUR
70 DATA120,169,174,141,20,3,169,2,141,21,3,88,96,169,0,141,27,145,173,24,145,77,
20,145
71 DATA14,7,133,234,173,15,144,74,74,74,74,41,7,197,254,208,14,56,42,41,7,201,7,
208,3
72 DATA10,41,7,24,133,254,165,254,141,134,2,76,191,234
80 DATA999

85 REM***CLEAR SCREEN
86 :
87 :
89 REM***TOP
90 DATA162,10,76,123,229
99 REM***BOTTOM
100 DATA162,22,32,141,234,202,224,10,208,240,76,129,229
109 REM***LEFT
110 DATA162,22,160,13,32,143,234,202,16,248,76,129,229
119 REM***RIGHT
120 DATA162,22,160,21,32,126,234,32,178,234,169,32,145,209,169,1,145,243,136,152
121 DATA10,208,237,232,16,232,76,129,229
125 DATA999

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Tape Index

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THIS PROGRAM creates a file of the cassettes contents and should normally be saved at the beginning of side 1. It may be used for either the 16K or 48K Spectrum. After entering the program, Run. You will then be asked to enter the Tape Title after which the menu is given providing options to:

1. Print Contents of data memory.
2. LPrint Contents of data memory.

3. Enter new data into memory.
4. Change existing data memory.
5. Save program and data memory.
6. Stop program.

After the program has been saved any future Load will result in it auto starting at option 1.

When entering Data there is no need to enter the data in order as the program contains a Sort subroutine — lines 900 to 930 — which will sort into order of, first, side and then tape counter.

For those who do not yet know how to enter line 0, enter this line as line 1 and after that Enter as a direct command

POKE 23756,0

Line 1 will now be changed to line 0.

The data memory has been dimensioned as 18 because this fills one screen without being asked "scroll?" and this is usually sufficient for most computer tapes. However, if additional data memory is required then alter the value of "y" in line 10.

If you Break the program for any reason do not type Run as this will clear all variables/strings. Restart by entering

GOTO 40

However, once the program has been used it may be reused on another tape by breaking the program — option 6 — then press Run to clear the memory for new data.

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0 REM ** TAPE INDEX
1 REM ** TERRY BROUN
2 LET y=18: DIM w(y): DIM c(y)
3 DIM p(y,10): DIM d(y,1): DIM e(y,1)
4 FOR n=1 TO y: LET w(n)=0
5 NEXT n
6 INPUT AT 0,0:"TAPE TITLE"
7 LINE 15
8 IF LEN(15) > 32 THEN GO TO 20
9 LET c(1)=1000: LET p(1)
10 "OTS INDEX"
11 BORDER 7: PAPER 7: INK 0: B
12 RIGHT 0: CLS
13 PRINT AT 0,8:"
14 "AT 1,8:" CONTENTS INDEX "A
15 T 2,6"
16 PRINT "OPTIONS AVAILABLE"
17 1 PRINT CONTENTS
18 2 LPRINT CONTENTS
19 3 ENTER NEW DATA
20 4 CHANGE DATA
21 5 SAVE
22 6 STOP
23 INPUT AT 0,0:"ENTER OPTION
24 NUMBER"
25 LINE 25: IF 25<1 OR 25>6 THEN GO TO 70
26 GO TO VAL 25+100
27 BORDER 7: PAPER 7: INK 0: B
28 RIGHT 1: CLS
29 PRINT PAPER 2: INK 7: AT 0,1
30 NT (32-LEN(15))/2: 15: GO SUB 70
31 INPUT AT 0,2:"PRESS ENTER"
32 LINE 25: GO TO 40
33 LPRINT INVERSE 1: AT 0,INT
34 (32-LEN(15))/2: 15: LPRINT
35 LPRINT AT 2,0:"SIDE" AT 2,6
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"COUNT" AT 2,10:"PROGRAM TITLE"
220 LPRINT "FOR n=1 TO y
230 IF c(w(n)) THEN LP
PRINT TAB 2;c(w(n)):TAB 7;c(w
(n)):2 TO 1):TAB 20;p(w(n))
240 NEXT n GO TO 10
250 CLS: PRINT AT 1,7:"ENTER IN
G NEW DATA" FOR n=1 TO y
310 IF c(w(n)) THEN GO
SUB 800 GO SUB 820 INPUT AT 0,
0:"DO YOU WISH TO ENTER ANOTHER
?" LINE 25: IF 25(1)="n" OR 25
(1)="N" THEN GO TO 900
320 NEXT n: PRINT AT 6,16:"MEMO
RY FULL" PAUSE 200: GO TO 800
400 CLS: PRINT AT 0,9:"CHANGIN
G DATA" GO SUB 700
410 INPUT AT 0,0:"ENTER 'SIDE'
and 'COUNT' OF ITEM TO BE CHANGED"
LINE 25: LINE 24
420 FOR n=1 TO y
430 IF c(w(n))=25+25 THEN CLS
PRINT AT 0,9:"CHANGING DATA"
GO SUB 800 PRINT AT 4,17:c(w(n))
1):AT 6,17:c(w(n)):2 TO 1):AT 2
17;p(w(n)): GO SUB 820 INPUT
AT 0,0:"DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE AN
OTHER?" LINE 25: IF 25(1)="n"
OR 25(1)="N" THEN GO TO 900
440 NEXT n GO TO 400
500 CLS: PRINT AT 10,5:"REWIND
TAPE TO RECORD" PAUSE 200: TND
EX" LINE 100: CLS: PRINT AT 6,0
"THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN SAVED" A
T 10,12:"TO VERIFY" AT 11,6:"REU
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ING TAPE AND PLAY": VERIFY "OTS
INDEX" GO TO 40
800 STOP
700 PRINT AT 2,0:"SIDE" AT 2,6:
"COUNT" AT 2,10:"PROGRAM TITLE"
710 PRINT "FOR n=1 TO y
720 IF c(w(n)) THEN PR
INT TAB 2;c(w(n)):TAB 7;c(w(n))
2 TO 1):TAB 20;p(w(n))
730 NEXT n: RETURN
800 PRINT AT 4,9:"SIDE" "AT
6,8:"COUNT" "AT 8,8:"PROGRAM
RETURN
820 INPUT AT 0,0:"ENTER 'SIDE'
LINE 25: PRINT AT 1,17:25
830 INPUT AT 0,0:"ENTER 'COUNT'
LINE 25: PRINT AT 6,17:25
840 INPUT AT 0,0:"ENTER 'PROGRA
M'" LINE 25: PRINT AT 8
17:25:25: LET c(w(n))=25+25
850 INPUT AT 0,0:"ARE DETAILS C
ORRECT?" LINE 25: IF 25(1)="n"
OR 25(1)="N" THEN GO TO 820
860 PRINT AT 4,17:"" AT 6,17:"
"AT 8,17:" RETURN
900 FOR k=1 TO y-1 LET i=0: FO
R j=k+1 TO y
910 IF c(w(j)) < c(w(k)) THEN L
ET i=j: LET j=k: LET i=1
920 NEXT j IF i=0 THEN GO TO 1
00
930 NEXT k: GO TO 120
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0 REM ** PRINT <--> LPRINT **
1 REM ** HALLDOR ROSSEBO **
2 REM ** 3/8/84 **
3 REM
10 FORN=38800TO38888
20 READ DTA#
30 DTA=VAL("#"+DTA$)
40 ER=ER+DTA
50 POKEN.DTA
60 NEXT
70 IFER<>10322THENPRINT"DATA ERROR":STOP
80 PRINT"DATA OK."
90 PRINT:PRINT"PRESS A KEY TO CSAVE"
95 GETA$:CSAVE"P-LP".A38800.E38888
100 DATAA0.FF.A9.00.85.01.A9.04.85
110 DATAA2.A5.00.C9.BA.DC.07.AA.A9
120 DATA0F.05.00.D0.06.A9.3A.85.00
130 DATAA2.8F.A9.00.85.03.C8.D0.02
140 DATAE6.02.B1.01.C9.00.DC.09.E6
150 DATA03.A9.03.C5.03.D0.ED.60.B5
160 DATA04.A5.03.C9.00.F0.11.C8.D0
170 DATA02.E6.02.E6.03.A5.03.C9.05
180 DATA90.F3.B1.01.B0.02.A5.04.C5
190 DATA0C.DC.C9.8A.91.01.D0.C4
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Print to LPrint

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Norway.



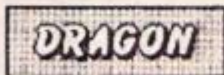
THIS MACHINE-CODE program replaces all Prints in a Basic program with LPrints, and vice versa. It was written on an Oric-1 48K, but it will also work on the 16K Atmos. The machine-code is fully relocatable.

To get the machine-code going call 33800. If you then list your Basic program you'll see that all the prints have been changed to LPrint. Another call will change them back.

The switch is located in (#)C, and other values then #BA here will make the program convert Prints to LPrints.

Catalogue

A D Oliver,
Dobwalls,
Cornwall.



THIS PROGRAM allows you to make a catalogue of programs stored on cassette. The program, written in position-independent code, was originally designed for Rom, but will reside anywhere in Ram.

On execution you are asked if you require a printout. Typing any other key than Y will just put a printout to the screen. To hold the present information on the screen, just turn off the tape deck.

To exit from the program you must press the reset button.

```
10 REM HEADLIDER - ENTER THE
20 REM EXTENT OF KEY BITS FIRST
30 REM AND THEN THE CHECKSUM
40 PRINT "ENTER START ADDRESS":INPUT START
50 PRINT "ENTER FINISH ADDRESS":INPUT FINISH
60 FOR N = START TO FINISH STEP 8
65 PRINT N: " "
70 TT=0:INPUT AS:2=0
80 FOR B=1 TO LEN(AS) STEP 2
90 PHVAL("SH"=MID(AS,B,2))
100 TT=TT+POKE(N+2),P
110 2=2+1:NEXT
120 PRINT " "
130 INPUT TS
150 IF VAL(TS)<>TT THEN PRINT "ERROR - ENTER LINE AGAIN"
160 NEXT
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|---------|-------------------------|-------|
| 24576 : | 17 01 22 30 BC 09 A6 B0 | = 519 |
| 24584 : | 27 18 BD 00 0C 20 F7 0D | = 684 |
| 24592 : | 00 55 53 45 20 5E 52 49 | = 517 |
| 24600 : | 4E 5A 43 32 2E 39 2F 6E | = 391 |
| 24608 : | 20 00 00 00 05 00 00 06 | = 631 |
| 24616 : | 27 F8 01 59 27 0E 0E 01 | = 698 |
| 24624 : | 60 BF 02 05 17 0E EE 20 | = 537 |
| 24632 : | 09 0E 00 0F 0F 02 05 17 | = 515 |
| 24640 : | 00 E3 30 0C 04 0C 35 20 | = 645 |
| 24648 : | 3C 0D 0D 46 49 4C 45 4E | = 452 |
| 24656 : | 41 4D 45 20 20 20 20 42 | = 485 |
| 24664 : | 4C 4B 53 20 20 20 45 52 | = 481 |
| 24672 : | 52 53 0D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D | = 483 |

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|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| 24680 : | 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D | = 488 |
| 24688 : | 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D 3D | = 488 |
| 24696 : | 3D 3D 0D 0D A6 B0 27 04 | = 472 |
| 24704 : | 8D 19 20 F8 39 8D 1C B6 | = 854 |
| 24712 : | 00 7C 26 46 0E 06 00 5F | = 475 |
| 24720 : | A6 85 8D 07 5C C1 03 25 | = 777 |
| 24728 : | F7 20 EA 8D 8D 8C A0 9F | = 1174 |
| 24736 : | 02 05 39 7F 02 02 7F 02 | = 324 |
| 24744 : | 03 0E 06 00 0F 00 7E A0 | = 641 |
| 24752 : | 9F A0 04 A0 9F A0 06 25 | = 859 |
| 24760 : | 10 B6 00 7C 27 C6 20 C4 | = 798 |
| 24768 : | B6 02 02 4C E7 02 02 20 | = 481 |
| 24776 : | 5A 96 02 03 4C 07 02 03 | = 605 |
| 24784 : | 20 E1 0D 46 E6 00 07 02 | = 795 |
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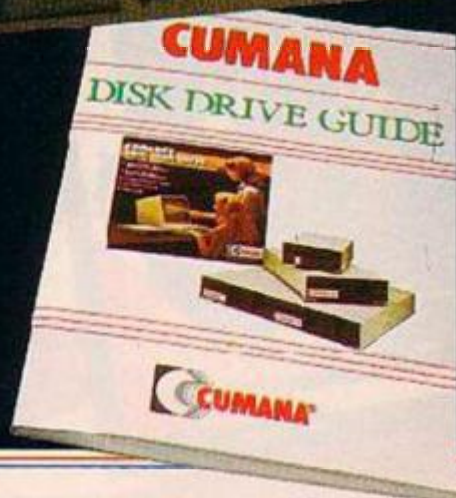
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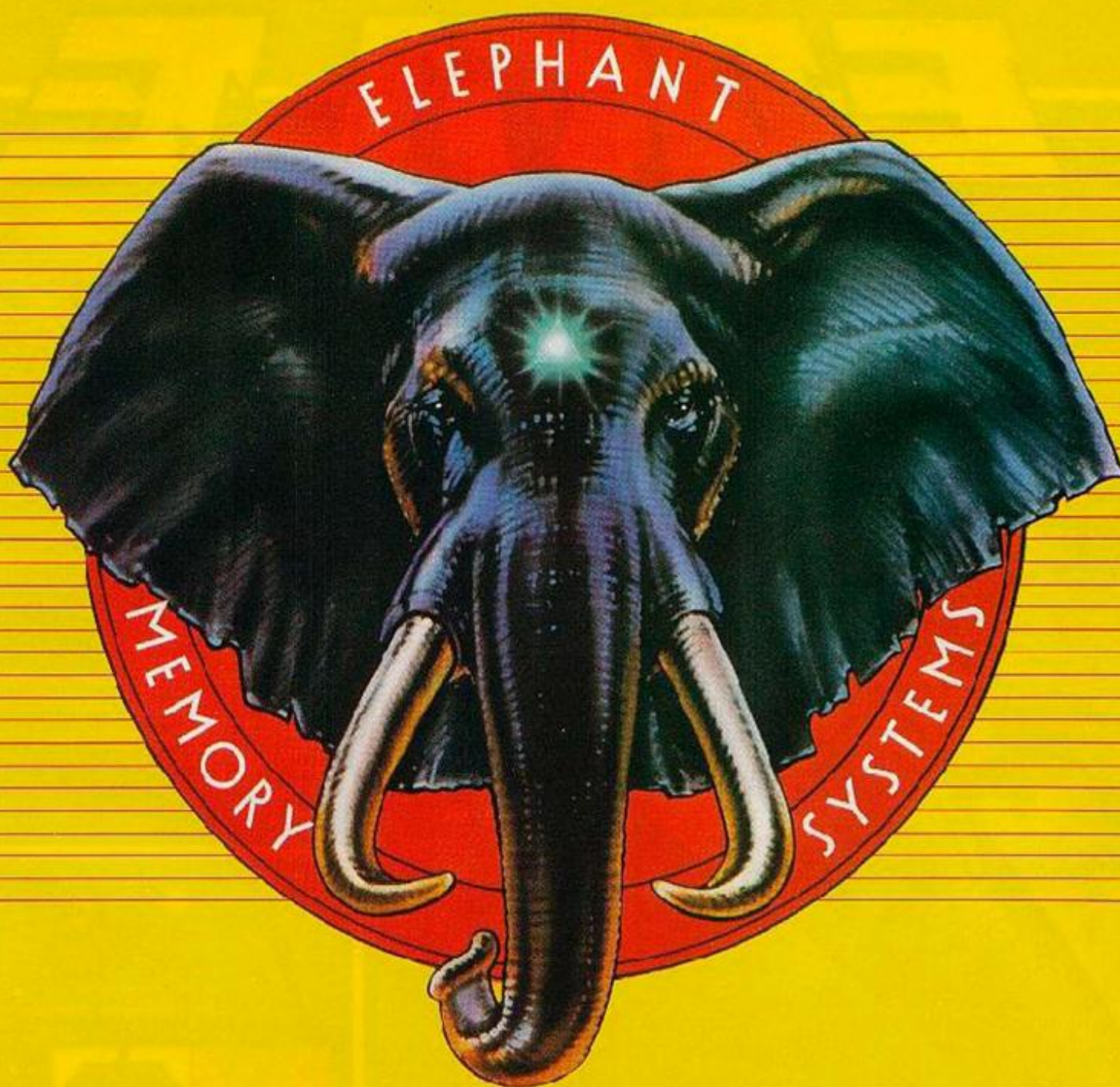
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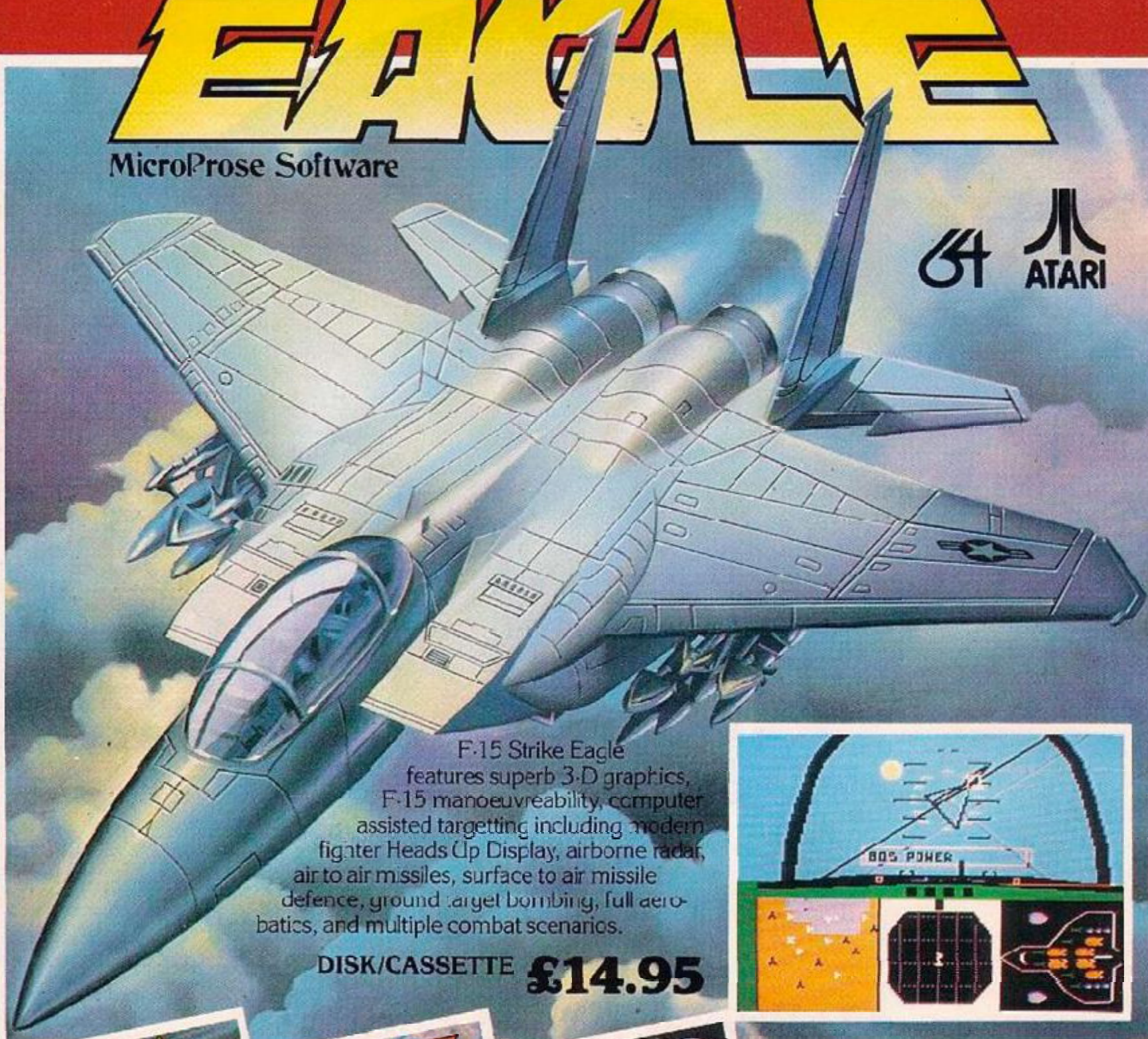
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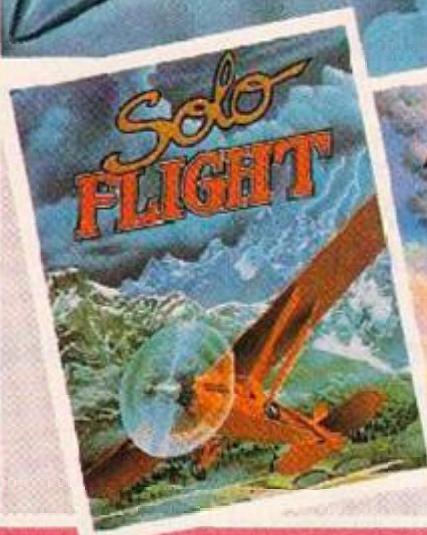
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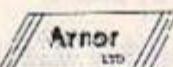
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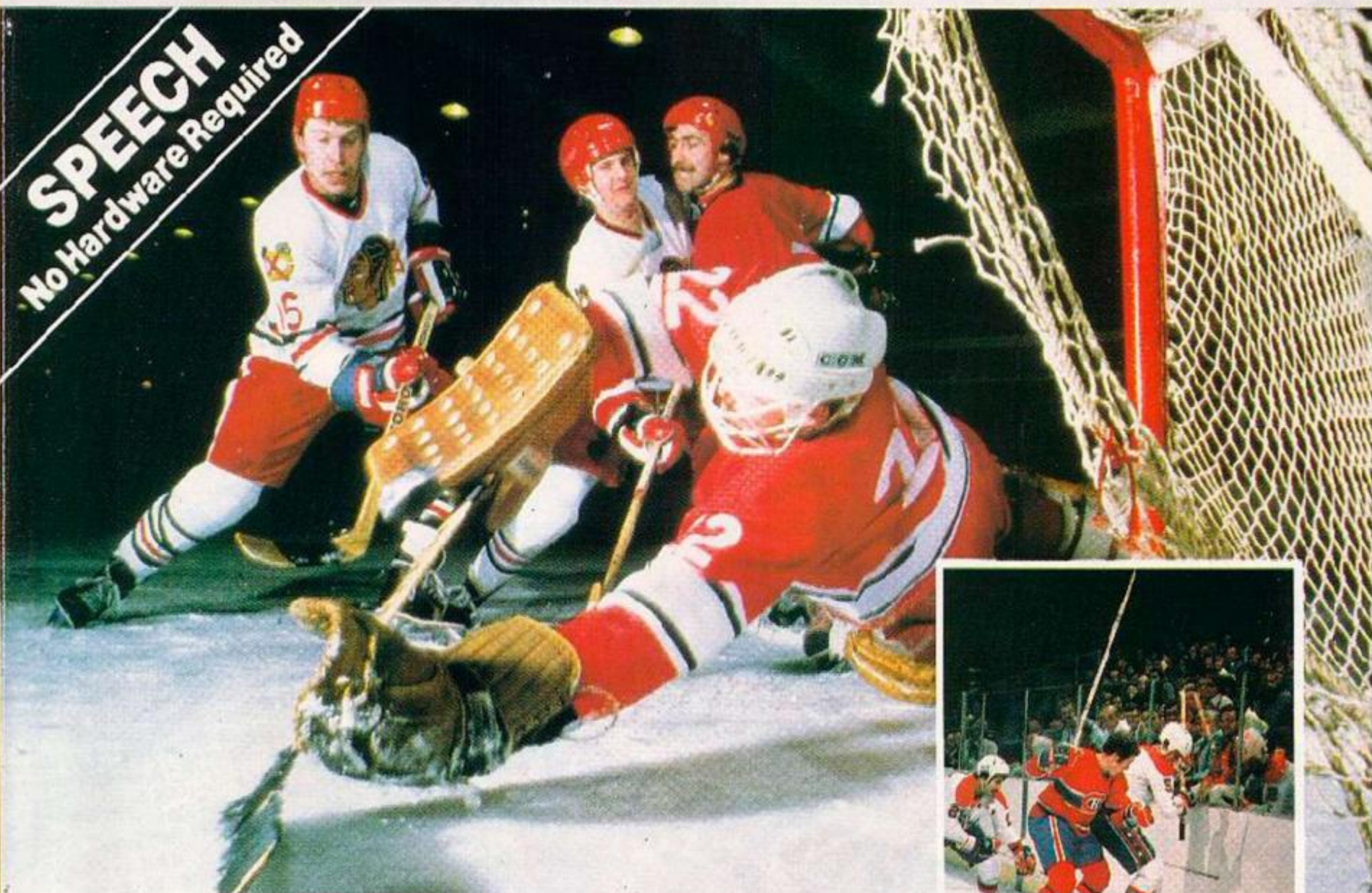
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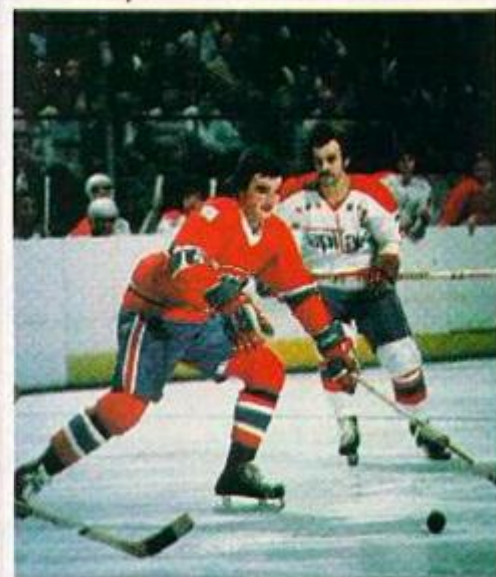
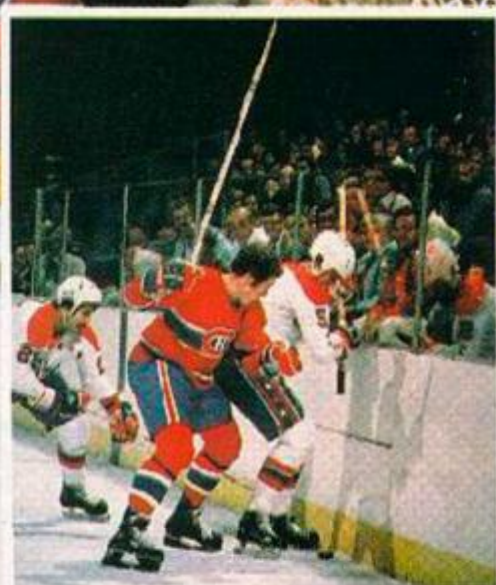
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